

# WHITEAWAY'S

Peace in the Pacific is further endangered by the refusal of the Dutch East Indies to accede to the Japanese economic proposals which many persons here believe was encouraged by Washington. Germany has refused to accede to the League of Nations and is unwilling to bear on Japan to make demands on the N.E.I. which the latter was unable to accept in order to keep the United States attention fixed on the N.E.I. and to strike against the N.E.I. simultaneously with a German drive towards the Suoz.

Informed travellers who have recently visited Singapore, Thailand and the N.E.I. declared that those areas are very pessimistic regarding the inevitability of war.

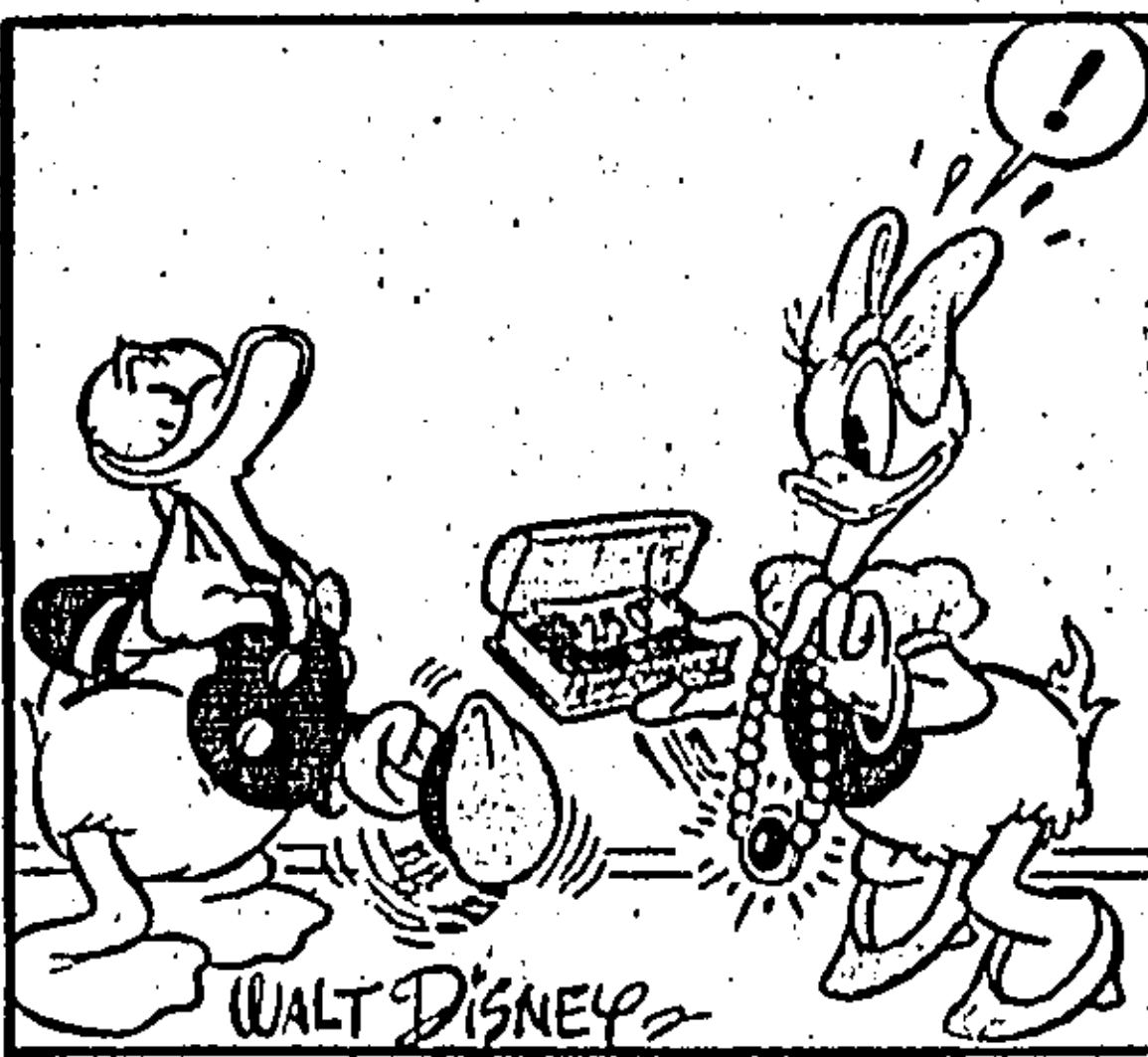
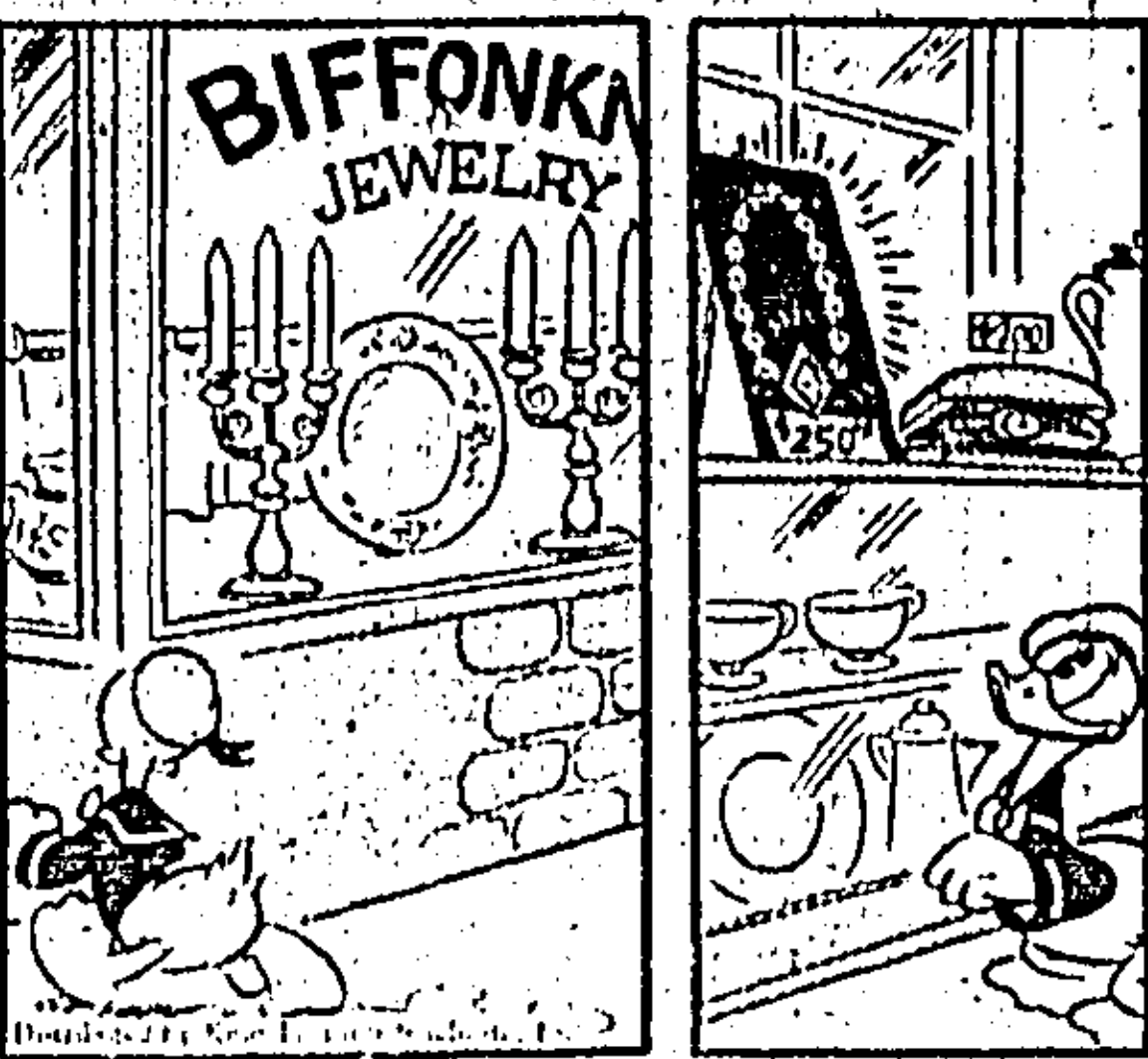
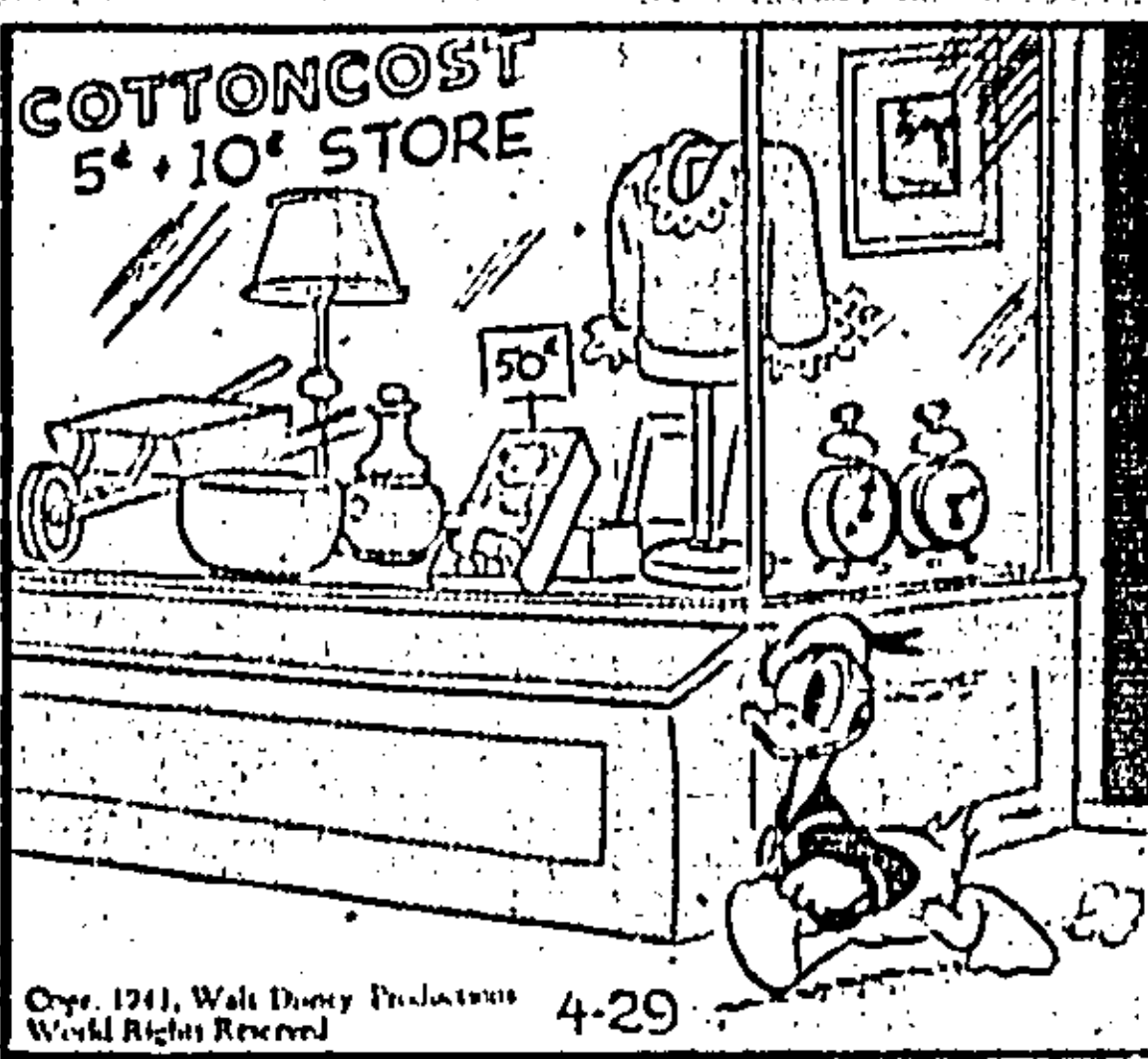
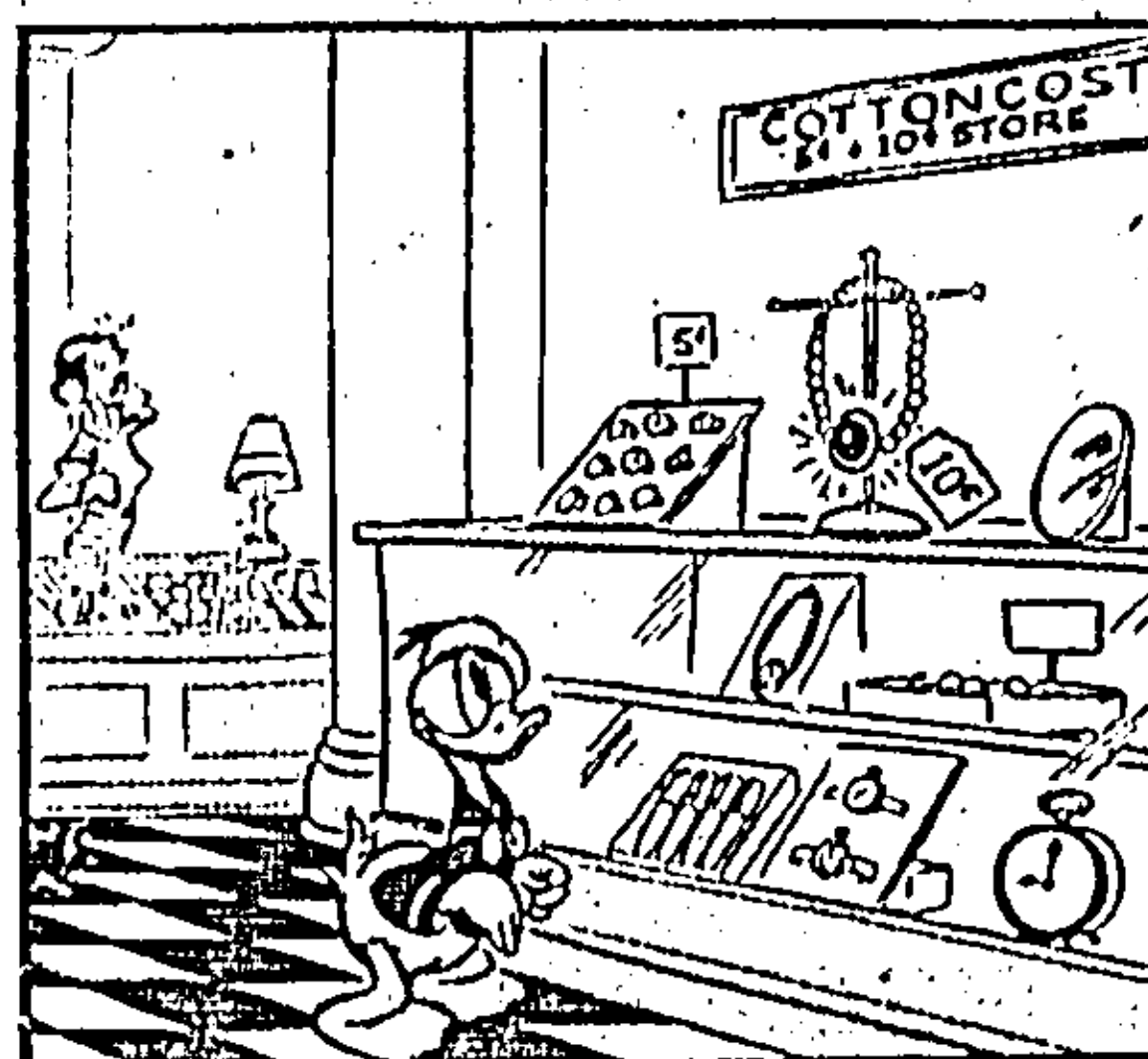
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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

### Shrewd False-Carding

I CANNOT warn players too emphatically against indiscriminate false-carding. The intelligent play of cards is, in itself, a form of language. Obviously, it is one partner's duty to "speak the truth" to the other. Most bridge lies (false cards) are more misleading to partner than to opponents.

But, while false-carding should be confined to these rare situations in which it is not dangerous to "lie" to partner, it is a fact that a judicious false-card can be very baffling to the enemy. Consider the declarer's dilemma in the following hand:

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 6  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ A K Q 2

10 5 4 2  
4 3  
J 8 6 3  
8 6 6

To-morrow's Hand  
South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

♠ 10 9 7  
♥ K 8 6 5  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ K 10 3

♠ 5 4  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ 4 3

After West had opened the ace of hearts and continued with the second round, declarer's only problem was to pick up the trumps without losing to the missing jack. Obviously, a 3-2 split would insure success, and, also obviously, the jack, even if it lay three guarded, could be picked up if declarer could guess which defender was long.

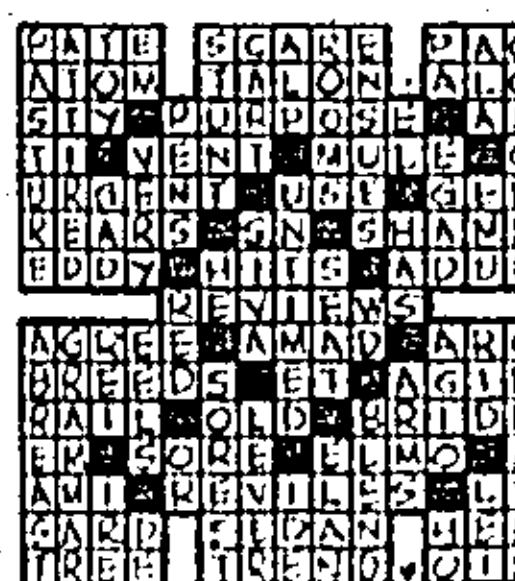
How should South play his three trump contract against good defence? Opening lead, heart queen.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

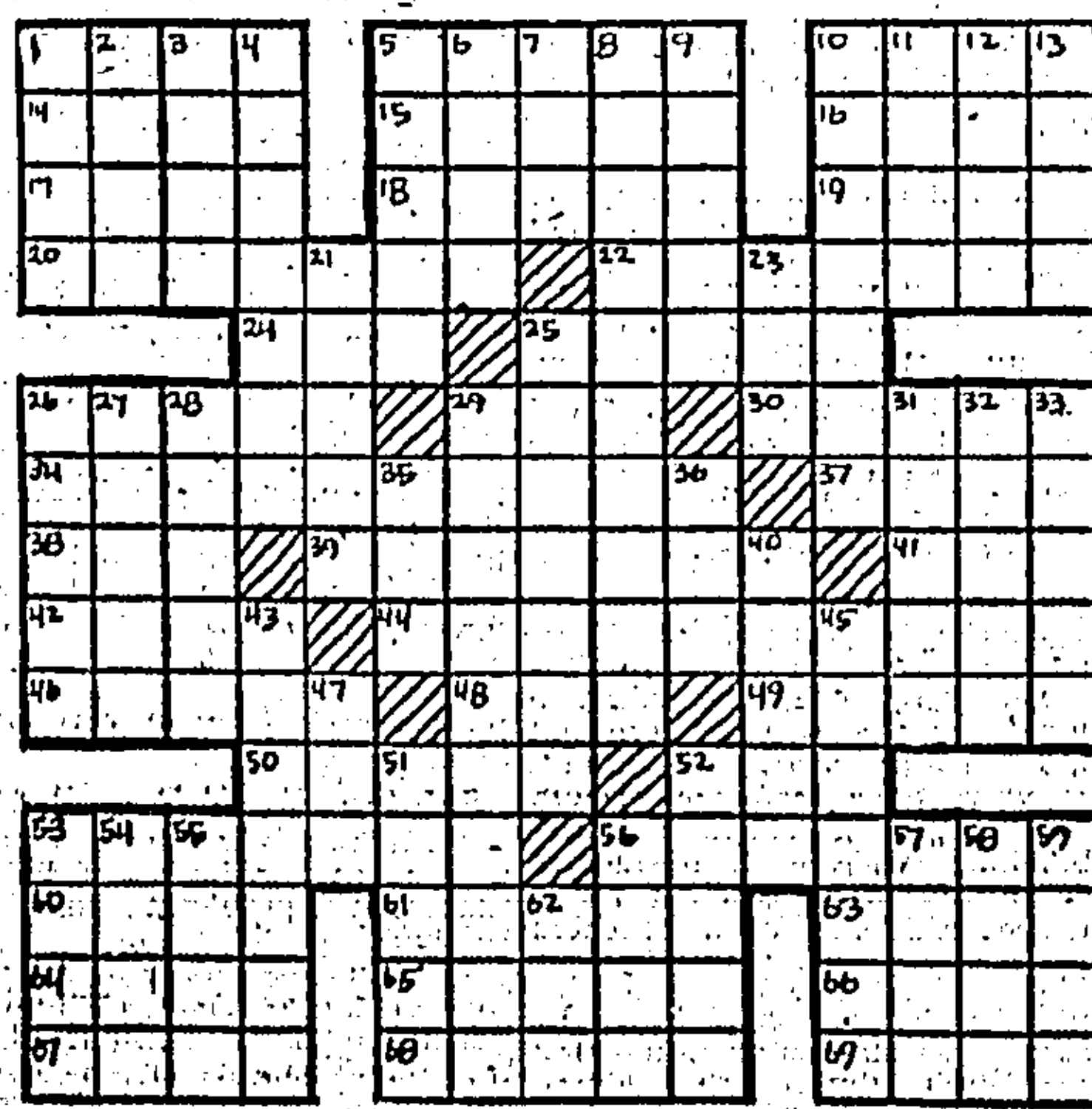
### ACROSS

- 1—Cause to flow out
- 2—Crash weapon
- 3—Wooded hill
- 4—Roses
- 5—Roman official
- 6—Type of plant
- 7—Dead covering
- 8—Fortification
- 9—Musical term
- 10—Dietary
- 11—Place dogs
- 12—Aeriform fluid
- 13—People recently
- 14—Unconquered by Nazis
- 15—Tender
- 16—Title of respect
- 17—Railway station
- 18—Classical literary
- 19—Walk in water
- 20—Mythological bird
- 21—Instrument for opening wound
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### DOWN

- 1—Withers
- 2—Fruit drink
- 3—Offer
- 4—Went into details
- 5—Pertaining to
- 6—Saw by hand
- 7—Of great length
- 8—Pipe connections
- 9—Edward
- 10—Toreadors
- 11—Pig
- 12—Grating of oak
- 13—Unspoken but
- 14—Like fruit of
- 15—Mustard plant
- 16—One who steps
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As told to

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Every extraneous thought is clean wiped from your brain.

Your goal is a hundred miles: twenty minutes, or, with a following wind, even less than that; and for twenty minutes—a breath or a lifetime in an airman's existence—you have opportunity to test your armour; to try a few quick tricks, perhaps, to make sure the ship is as always—as ready to your hand, eye and heart, as a blood horse about to start for the Derby.

YOUR ground-crew have seen to details: your guns are serviced and ready; a touch on the button and the answering spatter assures you of that. Everything is smooth as silk under your hands.

You are subconsciously aware of a sense of unlimited power. You feel on a level with the gods—even superior to them, for you are modern and efficient; not overlaid with the dust and grime of futile ages.

You are a god! But you don't put that into words; the awareness simply flows through you with an odd, electric tingling that again communicates itself, to your machine, giving it an increased roar of power, a thickened vibration, an eagerness that is like the straining of hounds on a leash.

But you don't think—until afterwards the swift impressions registered on your brain are developed, like a sensitised plate.

AIR-LIFE to-day is all anticipation and almost grudging retrospect. There is no present; because the present flows past you at three hundred miles an hour, to become a blurred past before you appreciate its existence.

If you have listened to a broadcast describing enemy savagery and atrocity, you probably start, your patrol with a fury of hatred blazing inside you; an incoherent determination to square the deal with the murderous Hun.

You've heard of mutilated nurses shattered under the symbol of the once-sacred Red Cross; of old women butchered, as they fled for the ditches of their wrecked villages. You've seen, with bleary, almost unrecognising eyes, the severed limbs—yes, and heads—of children, littered ghastly among their torn toys.

You swear that, by God's avenging grace, you will treat any enemy you encounter in precisely that way; mangle him, shoving



"You pour in a stream of death. It's him or you...."

no pity, no hint of mercy. But that is on the ground; these raging emotions are not your companions in the parted air.

All you are conscious of is a strained desire to see what the sky would spout upon you. No high-talutin' heroisms! It is a "job," to be done as efficiently and thoroughly as may be.

It is your work, for which you draw pay, for which painstaking specialists trained you through what seemed then to be tedious months.

YOU fretted then at comparative inaction; now you bless the thoughtful care that insisted on hard efficiency before entrusting you with a fighting job.

And through the blur of unconscious thought, you see suddenly that here is what you came out to find—death or victory.

Hatred has fled; possibly—I've felt it—there is even a limp sympathy with what you intend shall be your victims—your bag, for the fact that you are wistful to slaughter fellow humans doesn't register in human terms. For all emotion to the contrary, these flickering glints around you might be partridges.

The fight itself is a series of flashes; none definitely registered at the moment, all taking orderly shape as your trained brain clears to accept individual facts.

A man is on your tail—and you spin around to give him the works. You manoeuvre without conscious volition, until you see him within range; your nose bearing fairly; you touch the button and give him the burst.

You follow the steam of death, pouring in another. It is your enemy or you.

A fitting impression—"She'll be sorry it—" then you choke with a red heat as you see you've killed him; a fighter.

He's down; diving like all hell, flaming, smoking—there's a hint of a deathly stink that is as seething as a thought.

No time for thought—below is a clutch of bombers, intent on death. You dive eight thousand feet in a breathless plummet-sweep. You don't know you're doing it, except for the drumming of air-pressures in your ears. You use oxygen as a something within you, superior to your will, dictates.

You range for attack, and still you're not murderous, only a craftsman.

You cut a bomber clean in two, watch him down; you get on to another, destroy him.

The clutch breaks formation, with every indication of panic.

YOU chase—you settle on a big fellow's tail; but it is the instinct of that careful training that directs your synchronised movements, not your sentient self. Your brains are fixed, but they work more slowly than your actions. You cannot distinguish details—the blur returns; you kill; you wriggle clear by side-slipping or cloud-seeking, or a furious attack by enemy fighters; and you steady yourself to conserve your ammunition, because to race back for fuel

supplies just now might seriously affect the situation below.

You see a fighter sleeking along on some devilment and you give the gun, calling to your bus for every inch of extra speed.

If you see yourself overhauling the quarry you are vaguely glad; if you drop speed you are vaguely disappointed; but not angrily so. It's just the luck.

Out of all my fights—and there have been plenty—I cannot remember either fear or elation. Not at the moment, that is.

I have felt my mouth dry like a limekiln when the hazard's over; I have felt my heart thrusting like a hammer in my throat; but that was when in security.

One impression does stand out curiously and clearly, though. It was the other day, when I saw a German bomber deliberately wreck a hospital ship.

The Red Cross was plainly evident to me, who was higher than the Heinkel. He could not help having seen it; but his downward dive had all the determined purpose of a man attacking a definitely hostile target.

He killed that sacred ship. He machine-gunned nurses and wounded men—some of them Germans—as they made for the boats.

I felt hate—like a fire. I felt I'd kill him if it meant flying fairly into him and bringing him down in a blind grapple.

I sat on him, cut him in two. He dived in a spiral; and as he dived I gave him another burst to make sure.

Then the Heinkel hit the sea and disappeared, in a scum of oil and debris—an horrible broth of death and torment.

A RUBBER boat popped up

and clinging to it were two men; the men who had made that lipocaust.

A second before I'd been swearing blue murder—that if I got a shot I'd hit them in the stomach so they'd die slowly and agonisedly. The kaleidoscope fluttered.

"Poor devils! They're doing as they're told." But as I spared them I saw retribution overtake the Jerries.

Erect in their rubber boat they floated amongst swimmers, hands up—Kamerading hard. And two swimming sailors—I saw this in a lightning flash of conscious thought—grabbed the boat, capsize it, held the airmen down until their writhings ceased.

But even then I was aware neither of pity nor satisfaction. This air-game is bigger than its players.

A perfectly processed machine would feel that way if it could think. It has a function to perform: clean, precise, inevitable. That is the emotion underpinning all a fighting airman's thoughts. There is no such thing as death—the only conscious feeling you have on that subject is that you might not be harmed in face good comrades in the next unknown dimension.

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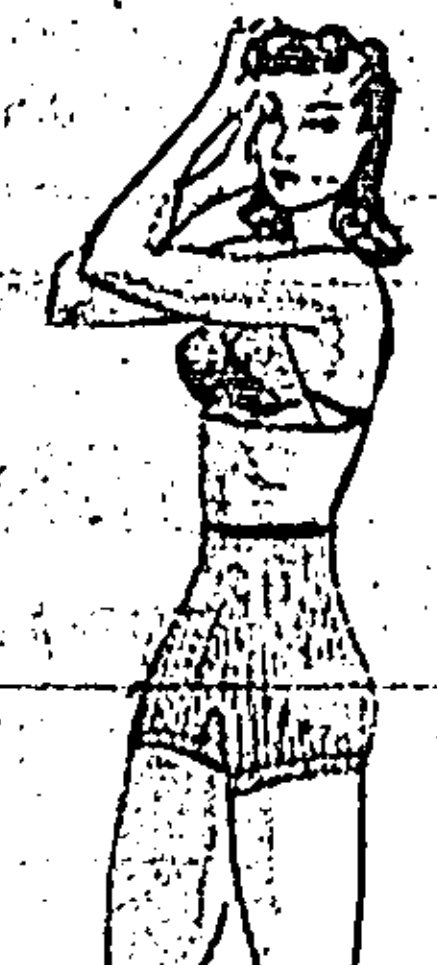
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"Not quite, Sir. They're just darning it."

"A gesture of old world courtesy, no doubt, but was it really necessary?"

"Very necessary indeed, Sir, as it happens to be a hip-bath which has lain some years in the coach-house. His Lordship rarely entertains."

"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yet in some ways His Lordship is well abreast of modern thought. This bottle of Rose's Lime Juice, Sir, in your room..."

"Placed there by His Lordship's own hand, I think. And a very refreshing drink following upon a one-sided battle with his Lordship's decanters."

"Yes, Sir, and Rose's has still further virtues. It is justly renowned for annihilating the after-effects of alcohol, vulgarly known as mornings after."

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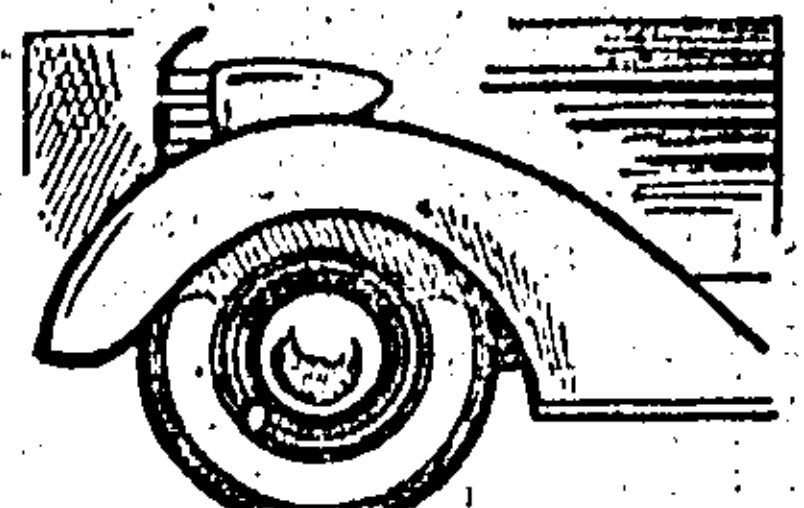
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"Are we lucky, Mom! Otis Wilton's dog had six pups and his mother only let him keep one, so she gave me the other five!"

# Hitler Pounds At the Gates Of Araby

Interesting observations on the war operations and potentials in the Middle East by one of the most widely respected American political correspondents. Mrs McCormick acted as European correspondent for the "New York Times" for many years, and is an authority on European affairs.

By Anne O'Hare McCormick

"The Oriental is a very old child," wrote Gertrude Bell after her first journey to the Near East. She went on to note what every traveller feels who tries to understand the strange world east of Suez, a world at once static and nomadic, rooted in Genesis yet formless as the moving landscape of the desert.

"Their statecraft consists of guesses, often shrewd enough, at the results that may spring from the clash of unknown forces, of which the strength and the aim are but dimly apprehended; their wisdom is that of men whose channels of information and standards of comparison are different from ours, and who bring a different set of preconceptions to bear upon the problems laid before them."

### Ancient Roots

Sooner or later, it was inevitable that this conflict should spread to that subcontinent which lies between the Black Sea and the Red. There the human story began, on the gray plains of Asia Minor, in the Valley of the Euphrates, in the waste lands beyond the Jordan, and the apocalyptic struggle for power was bound at last to shake not only the Western world, the edifice of industrial civilisation, but the ancient roots whence stems the tangled history of man. At some point the battle had to return to the original field of Armageddon. Not only the Balkan peninsula and the Iberian peninsula but the Arabian peninsula had to choose between Hitler and the alternative of Hitler.

So far the fight going on in Iraq seems to be a local engagement. It is spreading within the Iraqi borders, and a few vague incidents have occurred in Syria and Palestine, but there is nothing to indicate any general movement among the

Arabs. While the pipe line from the Kirkuk oil fields to the port of Haifa is reported cut, the Premier who headed the State before Rashid Ali's coup d'état has issued a manifesto in the name of the six-year-old King calling for a cessation of hostilities and a return to constitutional government.

### Important Factor

If the call is heeded it will be more important than a temporary stoppage in the flow of oil or the result of the fighting between the British troops and Rashid Ali's men. It will mean that the pro-German politicians can get no direct military help from Germany in time to save themselves, and that the signal for an Arab rising has met no response in the neighbouring States.

And this would imply something very significant. In villages and camps scattered from Alexandria to the Gulf of Aden are some 40,000,000 Arabs. Although they have many rulers, and disliked most of them, they have never experienced German rule. They are impressed by force, they have lost the little economic security they once had, they have been saturated with Nazi and Fascist propaganda. With standards and preconceptions different from ours, they have been watching and weighing Hitler and his conquests. Led by little cliques of jealous tribesmen, what they do will represent the guess of these primitive politicians on the outcome of this struggle. The trouble in Iraq is only a straw in a great wind. We should be able to gauge its direction more surely if we knew the answers to three questions. The first is suggested by a brief dispatch from London announcing that Harry St John Philby has been released after months of detention under "defence regulations." Mr Philby was an expert spy and a British political agent in Baghdad during the last war. After the war he served as adviser to the native government in Mesopotamia and Trans-Jordan. He was a collaborator of T. E. Lawrence, knows Arabia better than any living foreigner and was famous for years as the only Englishman ever permitted to live in Mecca. Why was he interned and why is he now released?

### Clue to Policy

The answer to that question would be a clue to British policy since the war started. The next centres in the attitude of Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia. He is the strong man in the Arab world, in so far as there is any primacy among the disparate tribes and kingdoms of this incoherent people, he is the leader. Ibn Saud is supposed to be a friend of the British, and if he takes sides in an Arab showdown, his influence will be very great.

The answer to the third question lies hidden in the cautious mind of Ismet Inonu, Premier and virtual dictator of Turkey. Supposing that the time is past when the Turks might have helped the British, what is their policy toward their former subjects and their alliance with Iran and Afghanistan? By abolishing the caliphate and the symbolic fez and yashmak, Turkey gave up the leadership of Islam, but can she remain passive to the threat of German domination of the Arab world? There is also a fourth question, brought to the fore by reports that Washington is working out a plan to send food shipments to Algiers and Morocco, with the object of stiffening General Weygand in holding out against Nazi pressure. This is also a sign that the hungry Arabs under French rule are restive. A trade programme worked out between the United States and French North Africa after the fall of France might have saved the situation. It may even yet, but Hitler is already at the gate of the Arab peninsula, and the question he provokes sounds like the stroke of a clock showing how late the hour is and how narrow is a world in which we live next door to the Arabs.

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With this experience, then, the new scheme will present no insurmountable problems for British shipbuilders.

The supreme virtue of the project lies in the removal of limitations which condition output to the maximum capacity of the country's shipyards. For the new scheme virtually converts large inland factories into widely-separated shipyard components, and thus increases greatly the total building capacity of the country, at the same time speeding up production.

Thus Great Britain, by borrowing an idea from Father Noah, has tapped an entirely new and incalculably valuable source of merchant tonnage to meet and counter the menace of the U-boat and the long-range bomber.

### Free France Marches with Britain

## Rallied Colonies

FREE FRENCH FORCES are now side by side with their British comrades in arms in Syria. It cannot be doubted which way lies the sympathies of the greater part of the population of this mandated territory. Neutral observers in the Middle East have during the past few months reported that Nazis and Nazi methods are decidedly unpopular there, and the desertions by French and colonial troops, who crossed into Palestine to join the Allies, are proof of some of their statements.

This new stroke places the colonies which have rallied to the call of Free France in important perspective, and it will be interesting to look at their position.

The Free French colonies represent a territory six times the size of France and one-seventh of her population. They comprise the New Hebrides, Chad, the French Cameroons, Ubangi-Shari, Middle Congo, the French Establishments in India, New Caledonia and Gabon.

THE AFRICAN GROUP OF COLONIES, situated halfway between the Cape and Dakar, presents on the Atlantic Ocean a coastline of 1,000 kilometres where there are a number of modern ports with good facilities.

The group of colonies constituting French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons binds together British West Africa and East Africa, forming a block right across the continent from the Red Sea to the Atlantic.

It is evident that apart from the actual support which the Free French equatorial empire can contribute to the Allied war effort by the virtue of its resources, Germany now finds herself deprived of certain products of which her industry was in great need.

Special mention should be made of New Caledonia and the nickel, lead, chromium and iron ore which she exports to the British Empire. Gabon sends woods which are used in the construction of aeroplanes, and Chad sends cotton. Plumbago and wolfram are obtained from the Cameroons, as well as iron and mica.

TO GOVERN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS VAST TERRITORY, a central organisation called the "Council of Defence of the Free French Empire" was created in October 1940 at Brazzaville by General de Gaulle. The Council, which was officially recognised by the British Government in January, consists of the commanders-in-chief of the Free French Forces, the Governors of the most important colonies and also of persons representing those moral values which found their expression in the Free French movement.

## How Britain Is Adding To Her Merchant Fleet Ships From Factories

By A Shipping Correspondent

Taking a leaf from the Book during the slump of a decade of Father Noah, British ship-builders are about to fabricate ships inland.

This they are doing with precisely the same object as inspired the builder of the original Ark, namely, to make a secure against disaster all manner of men and beasts.

The British Admiralty, in short, as part of its gigantic war-time shipbuilding programme, has decided to adopt "pre-fabrication" methods in the building of merchant ships. This means that the vessels will be built in sections at ordinary steelworks inland, and thence transported to assembly yards on the coast or on the great rivers.

Several of Britain's largest steel constructional firms, whose normal work includes the building of bridges, viaducts, large buildings, and so on, are taking part in this novel scheme.

It is anticipated that it will be possible to deal with at least one-third of the components of each ship outside the usual shipbuilding centres. The work of assembly, moreover, will be carried out at shipyards dismantled was not in the least "jerry-

### New Yards For Old

The plan will thus make use not only of factory facilities at present engaged on work of lesser importance, but also of the waterside sites for which a useful purpose has long been sought.

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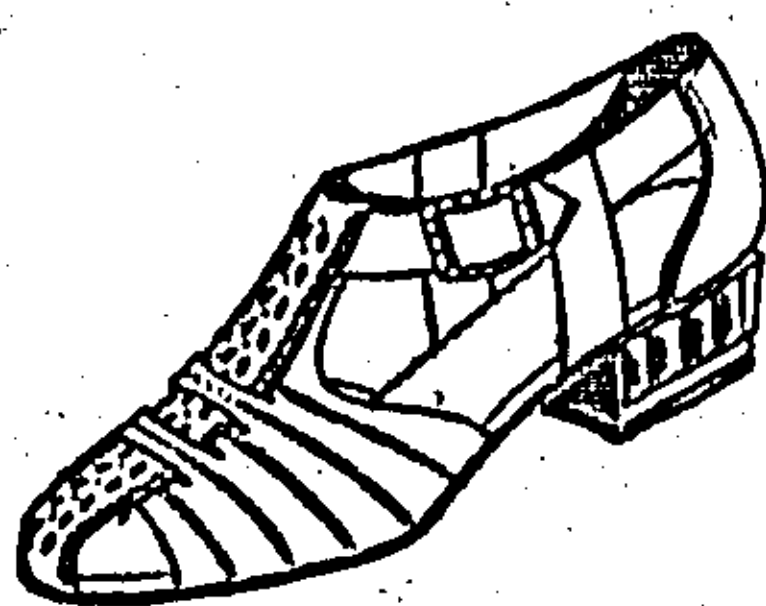


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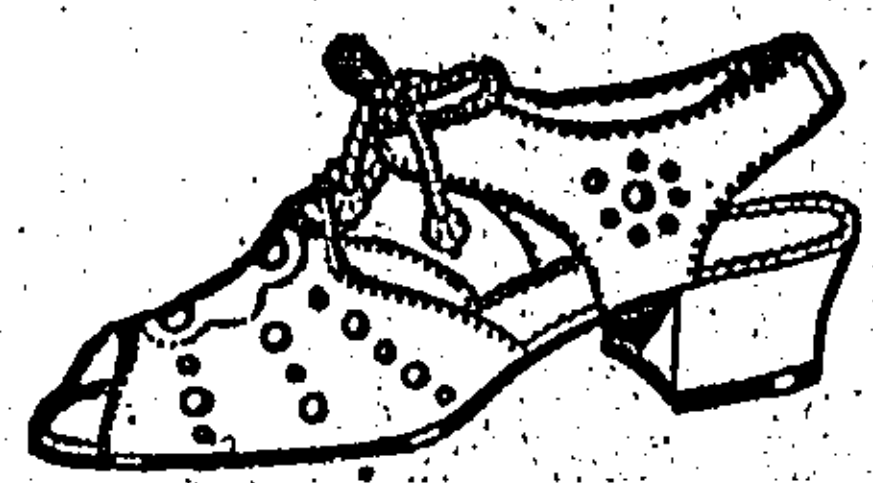
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# Colony Champions Out To Retain League Pennant

## Mindanao Moundsman's Masterful Hurling

### SAPPERS SURPRISE S. CHINA

By Ball Fan

Marking up another milestone in the annals of local baseball opening day "gala affairs," the Hongkong seven team major ball loop inaugurated their new Chatham Road ball park Saturday afternoon as Governor Northcote throw out the first ball to start the season winging on its way, before a sell-out crowd of rabid ball fans.

In a perfect setting of real baseball weather, Mindanao's terrific M, gunning for their second straight pennant, started on the upward road to Flagville with a sensational 7-6 "Merriwell" win over H.B.'s powerful beam-makers.

MANAGER Bill Woods' Asheville southerners opened up the two game Sabbath programme with their initial triumph of the season, setting the marauding Mohawks down with a 6-4 count. It was the Tennessee-seem's first victory since their appearance on a local ball diamond this year.

Royal Engineers started the campaign in big time fashion, taking a 9-5 surprise win from South China's weak-willowed red and blue men.

BEHIND the masterful hurling of Ski Powlawski, and the terrific clouting of Tony Muscavage and the fleet-footed Willie Wilson, the Colony champions looked every inch the ball team that will, once again, be in there at the final stretch bid.

Going into the final stanza on the short end of a 6-5 score, after six roaring innings which had the fans figuring out that "one-up, one-down" it was, the defending champions broke out with a vengeance as whipper Willie Wilson opened the inning with a clean single to centerfield, tearing into second on his fourth steal of the day. George Sousa's bad error off Ski Powlawski's infield hit put the tying and winning runs on the bags, giving manager Ival Goodman's first "perfect setting" atmosphere. "Typhoon" Tony Mus-



M. Arculli pitching for the Brewers against the Mindanao. Ming Yuen.

enavage brought in the tying run with a long sacrifice hit to deep centre, while left fielder Robert Woodrow Wilson's climax single sent the hard-playing "Ski" sliding across the pan with the old ball game in the well-known bag.

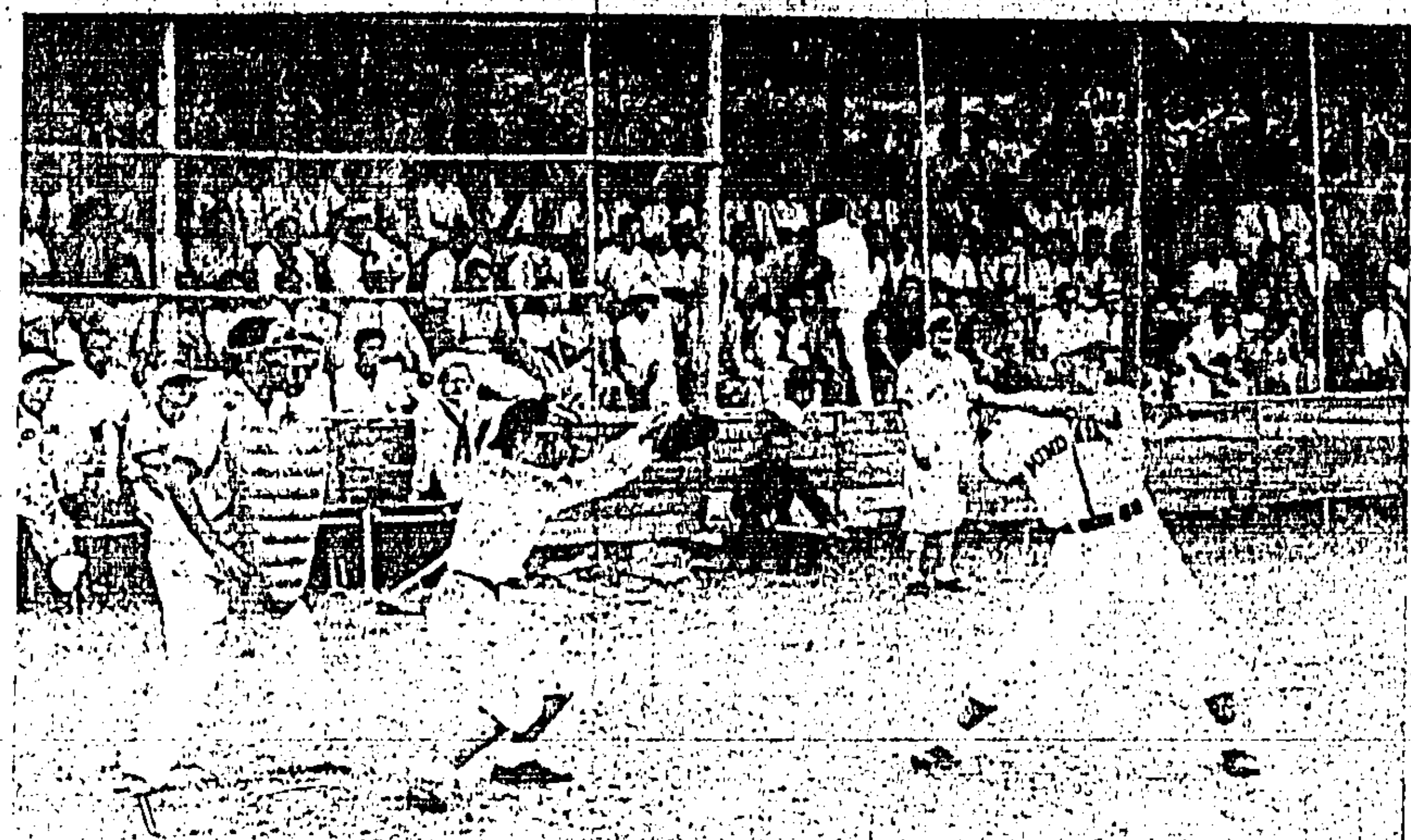
The Brewers made their last desperate bid for victory in the 6th inning on a "do or die" attack after two Beermen were put away when pinch hitter Joe Bowen's scintillating double to right brought in Stan Leonard, and Obeart Arculli's clean bingle over second sending big Joe across the platter.

The terrific M dished in with rare mid-season form, with the rookies bearing down in story debut style behind the steady influence of last year's veterans.

Highlight of the seven run Mindanao attack was Tony Muscavage's hustling homer in the 5th stanza which carried in Crooner Ruel who had made first on a fielder's choice. The peppery Tony played dazzling red-hot ball behind the plate and was the big bright spark which set the pennant holders off in a glowing, opening victory.

Fireballer Ski Powlawski let the powerful Brewers down with five scattered hits, sending six back to the bench via the whiff route. His snooker ball was breaking across the plate with clock-like precision. There isn't any doubt about the fact that the "Ski" is headed for his best season yet.

The Beermen displayed plenty of class out there, in this "all important" tilt, but were hitting up against a team that were playing



#### Major Baseball

### NO AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES ON SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, June 9 (UP).—No American League games were on schedule to-day. In the National circuit, Chicago Cubs ran riot against Boston Braves and chalked up 13 runs to the Bees' six. Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R	H	E
Chicago	Batteries: Root, Schilling.	13	21	1
Boston	Batteries: Eddy, Lamanna, Tobin, Sullivan and Masi.	6	14	1
Cincinnati	Batteries: Thompson, Moore, Beggs, E. Riddle, Lombardi.	9	10	1
Brooklyn	Batteries: Casey, Davis, Swift, Higbee, Phelps.	7	12	1
Pittsburgh	Batteries: Wilkie, Lopes.	5	9	0
Philadelphia	Batteries: Grissom, Crotch, Hoerst, Warren.	0	6	2
St. Louis	Batteries: Gumbert, Mancuso.	5	12	3
New York	Batteries: Carpenter, W. Brown, Hartnett.	2	4	0

#### League Tennis

### South China Beat University In "A" Division

SOUTH CHINA A.A. beat the University 6-3 in the only "A" Division tennis match played at Pokfulam yesterday. H. Ong and George Choa were the most successful pair for the Varsity, winning two of their three games. South China's players were evenly paired and each won two games. I. Hsu and A. Chan succeeded where their team-mates had failed—against Ong and Choa.

Weak link of the Undergraduates team were S. H. Ling and A. L. Tsai, losing all three games. Scores were: S. H. Ling and A. L. Tsai lost to Sze to 6-3; E. Hsu 4-6; lost to F. N. Wong and L. Kwan 6-4; lost to I. Hsu and A. Chan 3-6.

### Kowloon C. C. Team

The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in their Division Tennis League match against South China Athletic Association at Kowloon Cricket Club to-day: E. P. Guek and F. Grose; N. A. Mackay and F. Kieselbacker; F. Zimmern and D. Hazell.

### Handicaps For Macao Races On June 15

Following are the handicaps allotted to some of the ponies entered for the June meeting of the Macao Jockey Club on June 15: The Canberra Handicap, Six furlongs, Australian Ponies. Good Time 135, National Victory 135, Angel of Glory 132, Tobaccoship 144, Annabella 138, Odin 142, Cocklerol 147, Clark 142, Double Finesse 138, Winnie 145, Joan 139.

The Hobart Handicap, Six furlongs, Novices Jockeys, Australian "F" Class. Beauport 136, Dick Turpin 142, Blue Gown 139, High Hat 137, Donahaker 142, Rising Star 140, Buckfastleigh 142, Subpoena 142.

The Lappa Handicap, Six furlongs, China Ponies "C" Class—Blue Diamond 140, Night Express 140, Blue Field 132, Odeon 132, Galveston Bay 147, Oscar 142, Jennifer 138, Smashing Through 147, Lancashire Lass 145.

Tony Mascavage batting for the Mindanao in the opening match of the Baseball season against the H.K. Brewery on Saturday. Obeart Arculli catching with Gandpa Leung umpiring.—Ming Yuen.

#### Golf

### Masters' Champion Wins U.S. Open Title

### Brilliant Play By Craig Wood

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, winner of the recent Augusta Masters Tournament, to-day won the American Open golf championship at Fort Worth, Texas, with scores of 73, 71, 70 and 70=284, beating Densmore Shute, who was second with 287.

### Warmerdam Sets Pole Vault Record

CALIFORNIA, June 9 (Reuter).—Cornelius Warmerdam attained a new world pole vault record by clearing the bar at 15 ft. 5 1/2 ins. Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmerdam has several times exceeded that height.

### Planning Next Year's Soccer At Home

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Football League's annual meeting was held to-day at Nottingham, and it was decided that next season the League should run two competitions, North and South, on a points basis, to finish on December 26. Several Clubs were not in favour of this and put forward amendments which were defeated.

For the second year of the season, there will be a Combined League Cup competition, but with the important proviso that the League Committee, and not the Clubs, make out the fixtures.

The original intention had been for the Clubs to make their own fixtures.

### PERRY WINS ROUND ROBIN TOURNEY TO AID WAR RELIEF

FOREST HILLS, June 9 (Reuter).—Fred Perry, winner of the recent American professional tennis championship, won a round robin tournament to-day for British war relief, being unbeaten in the series. Perry and Budge were unbeaten in the doubles. W. T. Tilden also took part.

Sir Gerald Campbell, the guest of honour, thanked the American players and clubs for their help, remarking that it was a pity there was now a large crater in the middle of the centre court at Wimbledon but it would soon be levelled and we would be able to turn our heads backwards without wincing whether the Goslo was looking and listening. The Lord Mayor of London also telegraphed his thanks.

Budge was not in his best form, the intense heat aggravating the usual trouble for which he recently underwent an operation.

### South China Win Again

IPON, June 9.—South China beat the Malayan Combined Chinese 3-0. Lee Wal-tong scored one goal and Lee Tak-kee two.

Johnny Bulla and Ben Hogan were third with 289.

Shute finished early and was being hailed the winner but Wood, although he was wearing a protective belt for his torn back muscle, played brilliantly to win by a useful margin and avenge his defeat by Shute in the re-played British open in 1933.

### Summer Singles At Happy Valley

The second round of the Happy Valley Summer Singles golf contest of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club resulted as follows:

H. H. Mundy (9) beat T. C. Barclay (10); J. J. Van Muihlen (16) beat J. Linaker (12) 5/4; M. A. Calm (16) beat A. H. Penn (12) 2/1; G. E. Willeson (12) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 2 up; A. V. Graves (11) beat W. W. Ahern (12) 2/1; W. J. Butler (11) beat J. Young (12) 3/2; A. J. Powell (12) beat J. Greenwood (12) 2 and 1; and H. Smith (9) beat L. Jackson (11) 4/3.

#### The Captain's Cup

A. W. Bourne, Jr. (80-9=74) and P. Annis (92-11=74) tied and qualified in the June qualifying round of the Captain's Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played over the Fanning Old Course during the week-end. There were 18 entries.

### Probable Starters For Substitute Derby

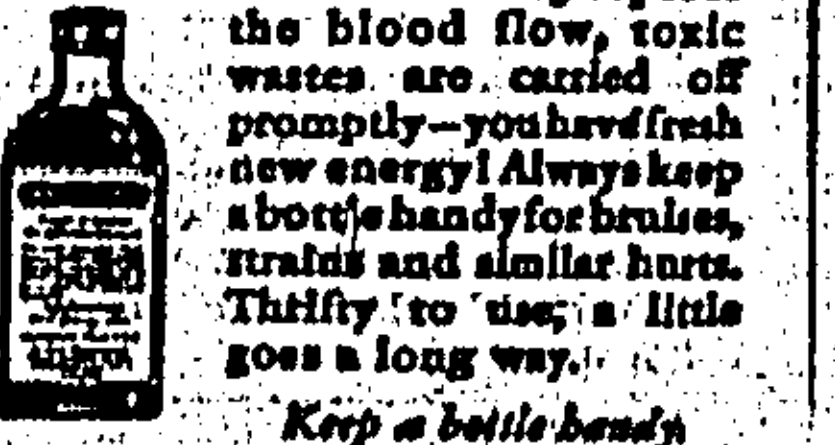
LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—Probable starters and jockeys for the Substitute Derby to be run at Newmarket are:

Mr. Sawyer (Gomez), Royal Academy (Carey), Guesdrey (Jones), Marzin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Solium (Cliff Richard), Valdevan (Herbert), Starwort (Taylor), Flrozad (Lowry), Annatom (A. Wang), Morogoro (H. Wrang), Owen Tudor (S. Wrang), Sun-castle (Bensley), Orthodox (D. Smith), Sunray (Mullins), Polomy (E. Smith), Camperdown (Brigden), Lambert Simnel (Elliott), Fairy Prince (Lane).

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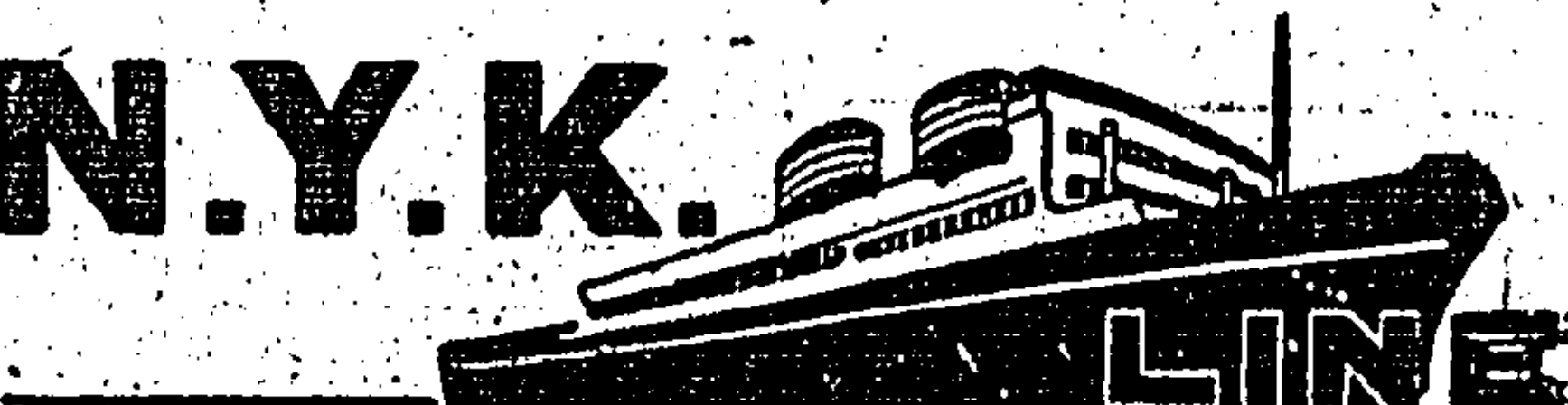
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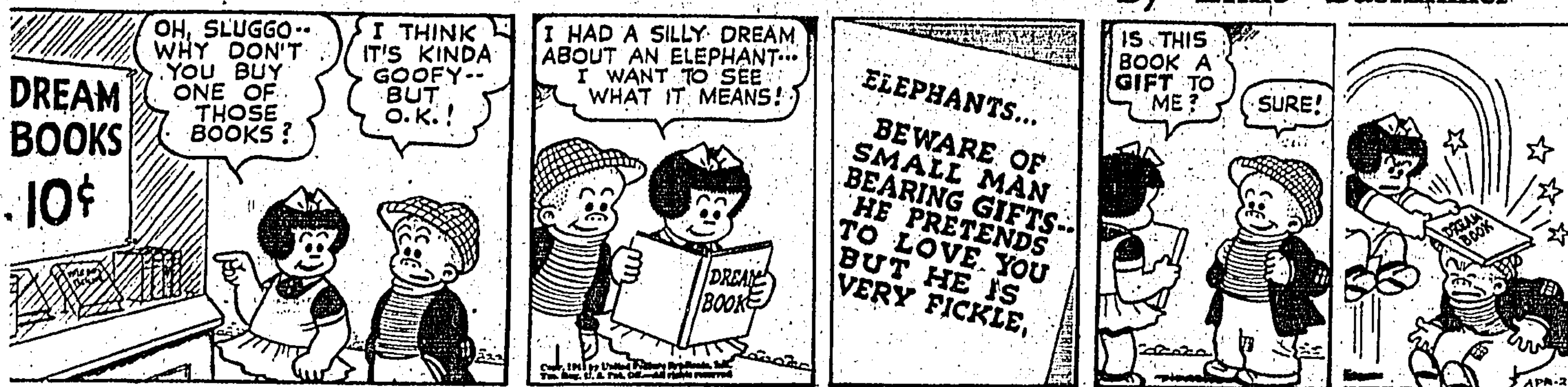
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## Nazis Were Buying Up Our Money

German soldiers were so certain last September that they would invade and capture Britain that Nazi guards at prison camps were eager to exchange German marks for English money belonging to the prisoners.

They wanted the English money to spend in Britain.

This was revealed by 53-year-old Private Thomas Dunkley, of the Pioneer Corps, who has returned to his home at Southport, after being repatriated from a German prison camp in Occupied France owing to ill-health.

When France collapsed Private Dunkley and an officer dodged the Nazis for nine days until they were captured near the Swiss frontier. They were taken to a camp where there were thousands of prisoners of all nationalities. Food and water were always short.

### Lack Of Food

Dunkley said: "The Germans made us work hard, but we could not keep it up because we did not get sufficient food. It was a hell of a job to exist."

Lack of food undermined his health, and he was sent to hospital. Then on November 6 he was told he could go home. After a spell in hospital at Lyons, he reached Marseilles with two other Englishmen.

There he was interned until February 24, in a fortress occupied by the French Foreign Legion, despite the fact that his papers were in order.

### Christmas Treat

"At Christmas British subjects still in Marseilles gave us a grand dinner of turkey and Christmas pudding—the first square meal we had had in six months," Dunkley said.

He added that German prison guards treated the prisoners fairly well, but "put them through it" after returning from leave and viewing the damage done in their home towns by the R.A.F.

## Ship Wrecked Men's Friend In London

When seafaring officers found themselves, after Dunkirk, stranded without kit, the wife of a Lt.-General in the Royal Marines, Mrs. George Mathew, set to work to help them.

Her single-handed effort has developed into a full-time job, and men who have been forced to leave and have lost everything can go to her flat at 55, Park-lane, W.1, and be refitted as far as her stores allow.

Mrs. Mathew said that the work began as the result of an appeal to relatives of men who had died on active service. These have given uniforms and other equipment for the benefit of the men following on.

Men who serve on trawlers and minesweepers are probably the hardest hit by enemy action. Mrs. Mathew has been able to re-equip hundreds of them, and among her most frequent visitors are officers of the Merchant Service, to whom she has been able to give not only clothing, but such things as fountain pens and watches.

America has contributed liberally to Mrs. Mathew's store cupboards.

## U.S. Has Fewer Millionaires

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP).—The number of American millionaires—persons with net incomes of \$1,000,000 or more—dropped from 50 in 1939 to 42 in 1939, reports the U.S. Treasury.

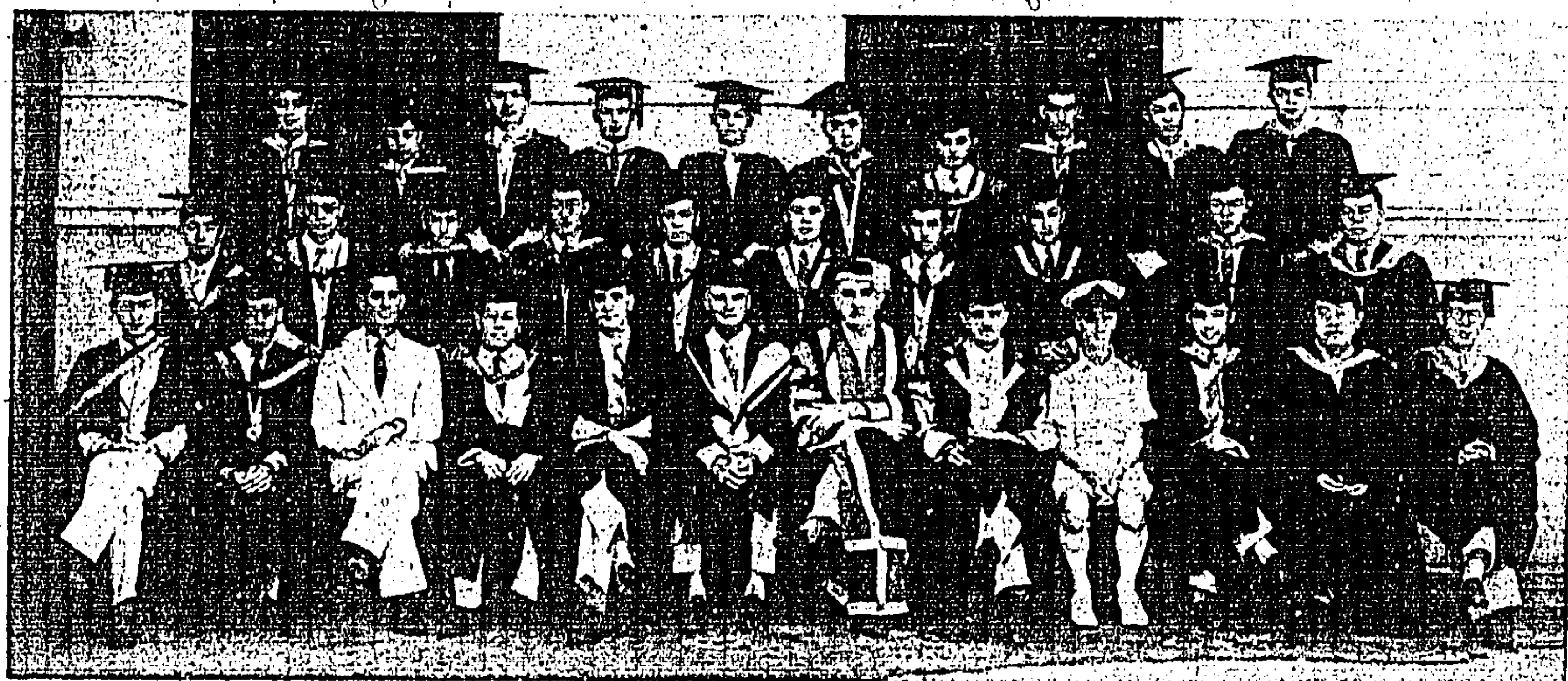
The 1939 millionaires, however, paid income taxes of \$46,073,000, compared with taxes of \$43,423,000 the previous year.

The all-time record was in 1929, the Treasury said, when 513 millionaires paid income taxes of \$191,054,000.

## New Black-Out Drapery

NEW YORK, June 9 (UP).—Department stores are now selling a novel window drapery called the "Blackout," designed especially for air raid drills.

The drapery is styled and coloured to match current decorative schemes, but is also equipped with a zipper arrangement down the front which, with one movement, blacks out the room without the use of black paper or painted windows.



Engineering and science graduates of the Hongkong University who received their degrees recently are seen in the above picture. Seated in centre (reading fourth from left) are Mr. S. V. Boxer, Registrar, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. W. Brown, Dean of the Faculty of Science. (Photo: A. Fong).

## Ousting Westerners From China Openly Admitted As Japan's Aim

Open admission that Japan aims at the complete eradication of Western influence from China and the employment of the Chinese as servants of the Japanese conquerors in further moves directed toward southern Asia is contained in an article written for the Tokyo newspaper "Yomiuri" by Toshio Shiratori, adviser to the Foreign Office, reports the Tokyo correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

"In the present China Affair, Japan has not frankly stated her true mind to the world as yet," Mr. Shiratori says. "Had she declared at the outset that Japan's object was to save China from the encroachment of the Whites... it would have produced good results."

"Japan's programme has been extended in scope. The original East Asian new order has become converted into the Greater East Asian new order while the Japan-Manchukuo-China bloc has become enlarged into the Greater East Asian Common Prosperity Sphere within which lies the extensive area of Southeast Asia."

"The main objective has changed from the emancipation of Asia; the aim, now, is to restore Asia to the Asiatics. As a matter of fact, Japan, with her poor natural resources, could not be indifferent to China's resources. China may be lacking in material supplies but she is blessed with ample human resources."

### "Absolute Necessity"

"Although for diplomatic reasons she (Japan) could not say so," Mr. Shiratori goes on, "her object has been to drive the improper influences and intrigues of the White races out of China. From the point of view of Japan whose mind is set on Southward development the emancipation of China is a matter of absolute necessity."

Mr. Shiratori is one of the leading anti-Democratic voices in Japan and one of the most outspoken foes of America and Great Britain. He is a former Ambassador to Italy and an ardent supporter of the Axis Pact.

During the spring and summer of 1939 when he was in Rome he and Ambassador Oshima in Berlin did everything in their power to secure Japan's adherence to a Tri-Power military alliance with Germany and Italy. It was freely reported, in fact, that he had proceeded far beyond the authority given him in making commitments tying Japan to the dictator nations.

### Cabinet Wavered

Mr. Shiratori and General Oshima were so insistent in urging Japan's admission to the agreement in which they had the full support of the Japanese Army that the Cabinet wavered several times.

Admiral Matsuura Yonai, then Naval Minister and later Premier, stood firm against any such agreement, however, and refused to consider the possibility of the Japanese Fleet becoming a weapon of the Berlin-Rome Axis.

Following the signature of the German-Soviet agreement that August which led to the European war the Japanese Cabinet resigned and Mr. Shiratori and Gen. Oshima were promptly recalled. Gen. Oshima has now been sent back to his Berlin post, following last September's admission of Japan to the Pact and Mr. Shiratori holds an advisorship in the Foreign Office.

## NEW PNEUMONIA TREATMENT

Pittsburgh, June 9 (UP).—A new treatment for pneumonia, as efficacious as the "wonder drug" sulfa-pyridine, was reported recently by Dr. E. R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute.

The new treatment, using hydroxyethylapocuprine, dubbed "71" for daily use, has been used in clinical study in Pittsburgh for five years, Dr. Weidlein revealed in his 28th annual report. During that period, Dr. Weidlein said, its effects have been as favourable as treatment with sulfa-pyridine.

"In a series of cases of pneumonia treated during 1935-40," the report said, "there was found practically an equal mortality in the treatment with hydroxyethylapocuprine and with sulfa-pyridine."

"The results of treatment of 494 pneumonia cases by hydroxyethylapocuprine in the period have shown a marked lowering of the total mortality and of the mortality in both the bacteremic and the non-bacteremic cases."

Dr. Weidlein, explaining that the "71" treatment can be used separately or in conjunction with sulfa-pyridine, said that physicians outside Pittsburgh have employed the new method and "there is every reason to believe that they will sustain the findings made here."

The report also stated that sulfa-thiazole, an improvement on sulfa-nilamide, had been found efficacious in 431 cases of varied infections including pneumonia and the common cold.

### Teeth Cavities

Among other work carried on by the Institute, the Nutrition Fellowship of the Buhl Foundation reported at the end of its five-year programme of fundamental research at the Institute that experiments with rats indicated that teeth cavities can be prevented if fluorides are included in the diet.

Other research concerned standards for surgical dressings and for gut and silk sutures; improved methods of manufacturing crucibles and evolving of an entirely new ceramic body possessing properties required for table-top service.

## AFTER SKINS OF SEALS

The motorship, Penguin, of the U.S. fisheries and wild life service set sail recently to aid in the collection of the annual dividends in pelts from the Pribiloff Islands' fur seal rookeries.

Last year 65,000 skins worth nearly \$1,000,000 were taken.

The craft, which operates for the fur seal division of the service, will take up supplies for the residents of the islands and its passengers: 15 men from the Fouke Fur Company of St. Louis besides several employees who are going North for the season, according to E. C. Johnston, in charge.

### Start This Month

Killing will start about mid-June and the expert fur dressers will then start their work of dressing, dyeing and otherwise preparing the pelts for the market.

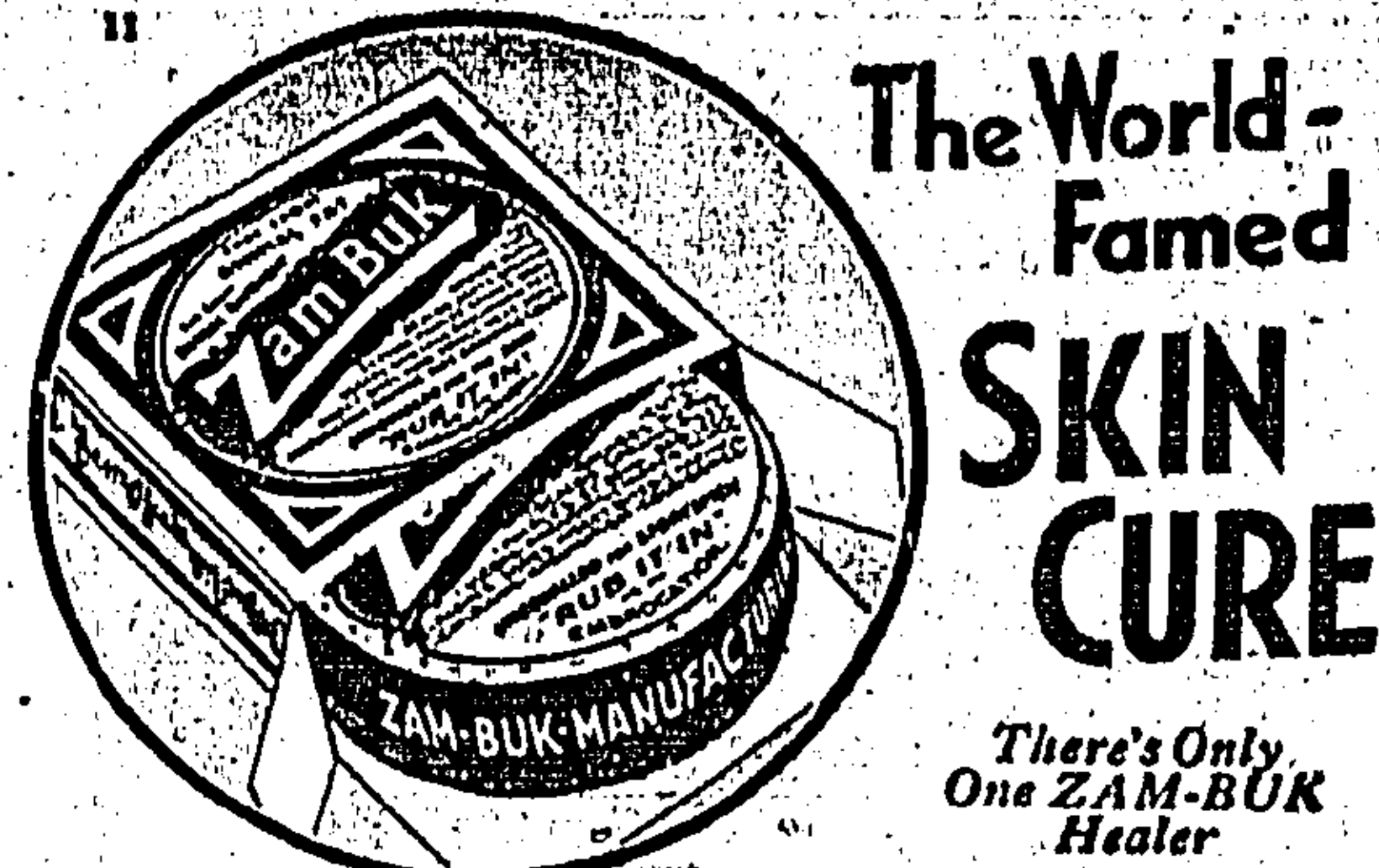
Three-year-old "bachelor" seals only are killed and a larger number than last season is expected. As in former years, it is expected that a gassy transport will be sent North this summer with winter supplies for the Pribiloffs and to bring back the seal skins.

The skins are sold at auction at St. Louis and the proceeds divided among the three countries, United States, Great Britain and Japan. The two latter countries take 15 per cent. each and the United States 70 per cent.

### Japan's Seals

Japan, which also looks after seal rookeries in her own section of the globe, makes a similar division with the United States and Great Britain, taking 30 per cent. between them, and Japan the balance.

Although Japan recently abrogated the treaty, the year's notice period has not yet expired. Besides the pelts, valuable by-products in the shape of oil and meal are produced from the carcasses.



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leaving the plant and in their homes, and to take such other additional measures as may be needed in the interests of national defence. Work will immediately be resumed. Employees are urged to return to work as soon as possible. Conditions satisfactory.

### Strike Broken

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Secretary for War, Colonel Henry L. Stimson, has published a telegram from Lieut. Col. Branshaw. "Strike broken. Gates open. Employees streaming in. Conditions satisfactory."

### Good News

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is "delighted" with Col. Branshaw's news of the situation at the North American Aviation factory, said Mr. Stephen Early, secretary.

Col. Branshaw reported that 2,000 members of the day shift or nearly half the shift had returned to work. Col. Branshaw expected that production would be practically normal by to-morrow.

### Bayonets Fixed

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (Reuter).—Two marching columns have arrived to augment the convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory.

Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory. The strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayoneted and taken to hospital.

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that possession and operation are to be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant will be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence."

The War Secretary, Colonel Stimson, is authorized to employ workmen and will handle the question of compensation for the Company.

## Rapprochement In Far East Remote

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materials to Singapore and Batavia, coincident with the swift strengthening of the Philippines, however. Shanghai observers who are closer to the Japanese, are of the opinion that the tone of the recent Japanese comment and also the apparent lack of withdrawals of troops from North China and the launching of renewed Japanese offensives throughout China during May, indicated that the Japanese are not prepared to move immediately.

They asserted that the crucial test would come if the United States withdraws her fleet from the Pacific when Japanese naval officials would be more likely to favour a push southwards. They are of the opinion that the activity of Axis diplomats in Tokyo might indicate that Berlin is bringing pressure on Tokyo to move immediately, while Ambassador Nomura's soundings of opinion in Washington indicates that the Japanese are undecided.

## Lack Of Aquatic Sprinters In Japan

TOKYO, June 9 (Domei).—The Wasada-Kelo swimming contest held on Sunday, inaugurating the 1941 aquatic season, proved a disappointing spectacle, Wasada winning easily by 28 points to 11. Morie and Uta led the Wasada parade, the former turning in the only twin victory of the day in the 400 and 200 metres events in addition to swimming the starting leg of the winning relay event. Yamuhiko Kelo star backstroke, gave his side their lone first place of the afternoon.

Actually all the participants showed insufficient training, the time of the 100 metres event being especially poor. Grandstand critics regarded the performances as bespeaking a lack of sprinters in the nation's swimmers today.

## LATE NEWS



MONARCH IN EXILE—Exiled King Carol of Rumania arrives in Bermuda for stop-over visit on way to Cuba, where he plans temporary home. He was accompanied by Mrs. Elena (formerly Magda) Lupescu, but refused to pose with her.

## President Orders Army To Intervene In Strike

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (Reuter).—Tear gas bombs were used to break the picket lines outside the North American Aviation Company factory today. The pickets retreated but soon returned and reformed their lines.

Meanwhile, however, the Police had formed two other lines through which the workers could reach the factory gates. A Company official later declared: "The situation is very tense."

The order to take possession of the plant was telephoned from President Roosevelt's study in the White House to Lieut. Col. Branshaw, commanding the troops in the vicinity of the factory.

Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said that Col. Branshaw had expressed the opinion that it was necessary to use the army because the situation was beyond the control of the Los Angeles Police.

Disorders ceased as the troops arrived and occupied the factory quietly and smoothly, after which Col. Branshaw declared the factory open and ordered employees protection.

### White House Action

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has ordered the Army to take over the North American Aviation Factory, stated the President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, today.

This is the first time that the Government has taken such definite action to handle a strike instead of relying upon appeals.

### President's Statement

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt in a statement, traces the course of the dispute and says: "Mediation has been interrupted by violation of the agreement entered into by the workers' bargaining representatives that production should continue during the course of mediation."

"A situation has been created which is seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States. Because this is a strike, the President and the Congress of the United States, in the interest of the nation, have determined that the plant shall be re-opened. It must be re-opened at once."

### Promise To Workers

After explaining that he had directed the Army to take charge until normal production has resumed, President Roosevelt continues: "Our country is in danger. The men and women now making aeroplanes play an indispensable part in its defence. I call upon the workers to return to their jobs."

Concluding, the President promises the workers protection of their fundamental rights as free citizens and says that negotiations will be conducted to reach a fair settlement which will be retrospective.

## Unsupported Navy Dared Air Fleets

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remain, but this is the last night the Navy can come. Please tell those that have to be left that the fight but up against such odds has won the admiration of us all and that every effort to bring them back is being made.

"General Freyberg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work. I have also heard of the heroic fight of young Greek Soldiers. 'I send you all my grateful thanks.'"

## PEIPING PEOPLE Must Possess Certificates Of Residence

LOYANG, June 9 (Central News).—According to a recent arrival from Hopen, the Japanese authorities in Peiping have enforced a new ruling since May 1 requiring all residents of the old capital to be equipped with residential certificates. Each resident applying for the certificate is required to pay a tax of 70 cents plus a photograph fee of 30 cents. This new source of revenue will enrich the Japanese to the extent of \$5,000,000.

## SYRIA ADVANCE CONTINUES:

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vance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle forces," the agency adds: "The British forces are however, markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Victory."

The agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and munitions but with food and fuel is practically impossible."

### Litani Crossed

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter).—The advance northward into Syria of the Allied forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received here.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available here on the political aspect as to the French reaction, but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera through the difficult Jebel Druse country is also progressing satisfactorily. This area is mostly composed in the southeast of lava beds, and transport must needs keep to the tracks. But the Jebel Druses have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quana, both 40 to 50 miles from Damascus, converge on this city, the most important centre in Syria.

Shelk-Miskine is half way between them. Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut and the Litani River is some ten miles to the north.

There is no evidence of German action.

### Many Desertions

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuter).—A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops, and a number of others have ceased to fight.

A military spokesman here revealed that since Sunday afternoon, the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties was negligible.

## West River Manoeuvre

SHUUKWAN, June 9 (International).—It is reported that Japanese troops are massing in Shumshui and Hohow west of Canton in preparation for an advance along the West River with Shumshui as the objective. Such a push is imminent in view of the rise of the water level, facilitating a naval advance. Japanese troops are shifted from the East River regions for this projected thrust.

## Cairo Communique

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter).—The Middle East communique states that there is no change in the situation in Libya. In Iraq all is quiet. In Abyssinia British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Orno and further prisoners have been captured.

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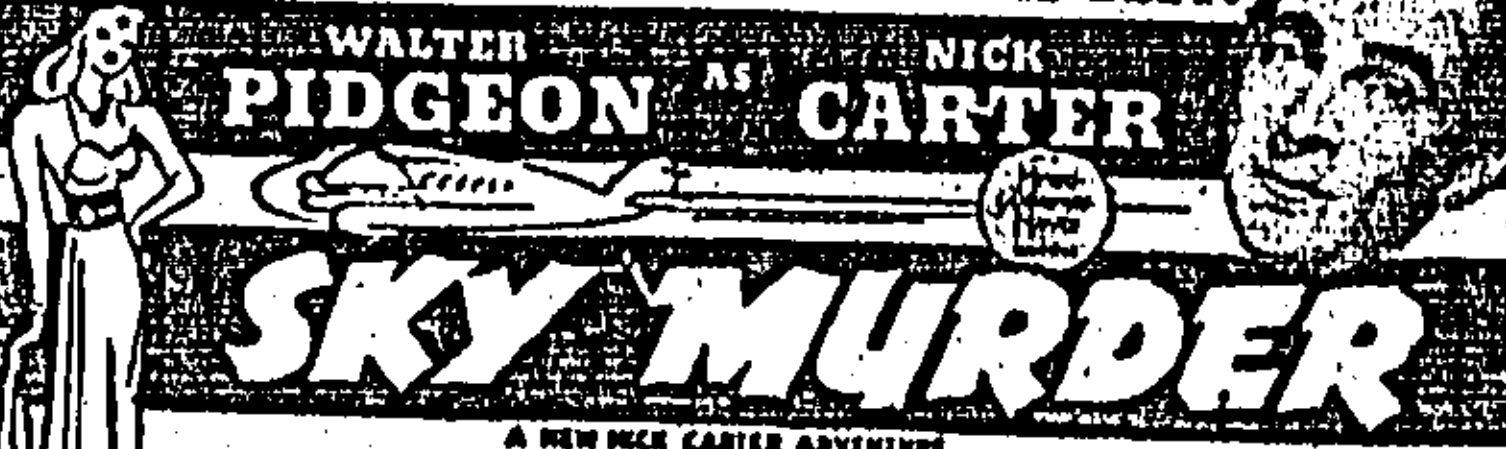
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## ALLIES CAPTURE THREE MORE TOWNS IN SYRIA BLITZKRIEG Advance on Damascus Continues Unchecked

### Nazi Pressure on Russia to Allow Transit of Troops and Materials

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, June 9 (UP).—Best informed diplomatic sources stated to-day that a large-scale movement of German troops was in progress northwards from the south Balkans. They declared that the Germans were now concentrating huge forces in Moldavia for the purpose of applying pressure to Russia to allow German troops to cross by land and sea from Constanza to Baku, from where they would travel to Iran by train and truck, seizing British oil supplies, and invading Iraq thus outflanking Syria.

Diplomatic sources considered that it was certain the Germans would resume their pressure on Turkey to allow the passage of at least war materials to Syria, but it is not believed that the Nazis will push the issue as far as a conflict.

It is stated that British reconnaissance has ascertained the concentration of several hundred German planes at Rhodes, where a large number of troops is ready for air transport to Syria.

### Unsupported Navy Dared Air Fleets To Save Crete Garrison

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the anti-aircraft cruiser Calcutta and the destroyers Hereford and Imperial were lost during the withdrawal from Crete (making four cruisers and six destroyers lost on that occasion).

The communicate which announces these losses states that the Hereford was last seen heading towards the coast after having been damaged by an enemy air attack.

### ALEXANDRIA EVACUATION

#### Women And Babies On Train Roofs

ALEXANDRIA, June 9 (Reuter).—Women and babies are riding on the roof tops of trains, so great is the press of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as the result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is providing an amazing sight.

#### Stations Guarded

All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers, only being opened at specified times.

Trains leave continuously piled high and are given a rousing send-off by the crowds awaiting the next train.

Some 40,000 left by train on Sunday and a high railway official expressed the opinion that there would be at least two or three times that number leaving Alexandria in the next two days.

The city itself remains calm and orderly.

### Indo-China Re-opens Mekong River

HANOI, June 9 (Reuter).—The steamship service on the Mekong River, suspended since the outbreak of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, will be re-opened on June 10, it is officially announced. Simultaneously a Government subsidised line between Savannakhet and Hanoi on the upper reaches of the Mekong will be inaugurated.

### Little Opposition Is Expected In Syria

ANKARA, June 9 (Reuter).—The British Navy is keeping a close watch to ensure that the Germans do not tow any small craft from the Dodecanese Islands to Syria. Germans here expect the British Navy to land forces on the Syrian coast, but so far as is known naval activity has been confined to patrol work.

Sellers of afternoon newspapers were besieged by eager buyers for the developments in Syria have aroused tremendous interest in Turkey.

The Allied move is widely welcomed and it is hoped that the Allies

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

The Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by an enemy air attack. The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean has reported that when evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island. The withdrawal of troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

#### Voyages In Daytime

The necessity for carrying out embarkations by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 300 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight. These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy air attacks.

In the circumstances prevailing, it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by anti-aircraft fire, but it is known that many were destroyed and others damaged.

Naval aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft and probably destroyed one other and damaged three. During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard. These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning the anti-aircraft defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, Royal Marines. They fought with great gallantry and proved themselves worthy of the highest traditions of the Corps.

It is known that a number of this brigade had to be left in Crete.

#### Wavell's Thanks

The following message was sent from General Sir Archibald Wavell to Major-General Weston on the night of May 31: "You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you. You will be able to get away most of those, that still

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### HULL NOT FOOLED BY VICHY

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—After a conference between M. Gaston Henry-Haye, the Vichy Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, it was learned at the State Department that the Government had found no evidence to warrant a change in its critical view of Franco-German collaboration.

As regards the British entry into Syria, it was pointed out in informed quarters that the French did not defend Syria against the Germans who are reported to have used it as a base for air operations against the British in Iraq.

The question now arises of the French attitude towards the British.

#### Justified

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Allied entry into Syria was justified by Vichy's determination actively to assist Germany, says the "Washington Post."

"If ever Nelson's advice that the boldest measures are the safest were applicable, it is now. The road to Iran and India lies through Syria and Britain has no option but to take time by the forelock and get on with it."

The paper describes the Vichy denials that German ground troops are in Syria as possibly right but disingenuous in view of the number of "tourists" who have already gone in.

### Chungking Bombing

#### Press Hostel Suffers

CHUNGKING, June 9 (International).—In the raid last Saturday, residents here recalled that the dropping of Japanese bombers was unusually loud when circling over the city. This indicated that an old type of bomber was used. The press hostel which accommodates foreign correspondents, was again plastered, but all newsmen were safe in a dug-out. Deaths are being made.

### NEWSPAPERS OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 8 (Central News).—Newspaper circulation in the United States is now over 62,000,000, which is the largest figure ever reached. The average American family now spends nearly U.S.\$10 a year for newspapers. Daily newspapers in the United States have increased their average circulation three-fold in 40 years from 7,000 per paper to 21,000.

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 9 (UP).—THREE MORE SYRIAN TOWNS HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE ALLIED TROOPS. EZRA, SHEIK MISKIN AND KUNEITRA MAY BE REGARDED AS BEING CAPTURED, STATES AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY QUARTERS.

A General Headquarters communique issued in Cairo confirms this. This communique reads: "By this morning, our troops advanced beyond Tyre and later effected a crossing of the river Littani. On the right, they advanced beyond a general line running from Ezra to Sheik Miskin and Sheik Kuneitra."

This claim is supported by a Vichy communique, which read: "On the coast at Repon, southern Lebanon, British cavalry and armoured units were repulsed southward across the Littani river. Stiff fighting continues on a general line from Littani to Kuneitra and Sheik Miskin."

The communique stated that British planes continued to bomb the airfields at Rayak, Aleppo and Damascus, as well as Fort Mergayoun.

#### Arabs Marching

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 9 (UP).—According to an Ankara report attributed to authoritative circles, a large Arab force, estimated at more than two divisions, under British command, is advancing from Iraq to Aleppo, important air base in Syria.

Well informed military quarters in Cairo state that two Allied columns are advancing towards Damascus—one from the south and the other from the southwest, both being between 40 and 50 miles from Damascus. The Allied troops consist of British, Australians, Indians and Free French.

There has been some resistance, but the extent of it cannot yet be ascertained. The two columns advancing on Damascus are going through the Jebel Druse country. Vichy reported to-day that the British continued to advance in Syria and forces were within 30 miles of Damascus to-night.

An official communique read: "The Anglo-de Gaulle's who crossed the Syrian frontier yesterday intensified their attacks in the afternoon of Sunday and again on Monday morning. In the region between Jebel Druse and the foothills of Hermon attacks were carried out by strong forces of all arms, comprising a strong proportion of armoured units. Our covering forces, backed by artillery and aviation, defended the terrain foot by foot, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. An appreciable number of armoured cars were destroyed."

#### Support By R.A.F.

The official R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo stated that in Syria, the R.A.F. and planes of the Australian Air Force gave continuous support to the British advance. High Command communique issued at Beirut claimed that two British naval units were seriously damaged in an engagement north of Tyre against two French destroyers. Four British planes were brought down.

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### ITALIAN MILITARY LOSSES

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Italian G.H.Q. to-day issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May.

Greece-Albanian and Albanian-Yugo-Slav Fronts.—1,120 killed; 4,123 wounded and 233 missing.  
Italo-Yugo-Slav Front.—14 killed, 24 wounded.  
North Africa.—320 killed; 752 wounded; 23,919 missing.  
East Africa.—68 killed; 77 wounded; 2,124 missing.  
Naval Forces.—18 killed; 187 wounded; 3,030 missing.  
Air Forces.—79 killed; 41 wounded and 403 missing.

### U. S. SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

#### Survivors Found On Lifeboat

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—The torpedoing of the United States steamer Robin Moor by a German submarine in the South Atlantic has been reported to the Navy Department.

Pending confirmation of this report, the Navy Department has declined to publish the exact text of the message which was intercepted by commercial communications channels.

The news originated in a radio message by the Brazilian steamer Osorio, then relayed by steamship flugs and again relayed by the steamer Deer Lodge.

#### Life-Boat Found

This reported that the Osorio found a life-boat with survivors clinging to it.

The State Department and the Maritime Commission say that they have no information, but the latter state that it is understood that the Robin Moor, owned by the Seas Shipping Company Inc., New York, was carrying a general cargo of motor cars, steel and other materials, but no war munitions.

### LATEST

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### This Picture Has Gone Round The World and Inspired Millions

Here is a picture taken after a raid on London which has been published in the press of the world, has been seen by millions and which inspired Ben Hecht, famed "PM" columnist to pen a glowing tribute to the superb courage of Britain's war-scarred civilians. It is six-year-old Anita Avery, who despite the ruins which lay around her, can still smile happily and bravely as she hugs her pet dog Raffles who was buried for hours beneath debris before being rescued by Anita's father. The steadfast courage shining from Anita's face typifies the spirit of England to-day as she faces the greatest trial of her history.



### PLANE FACTORY STRIKE BROKEN

#### Roosevelt's Action Succeeds

Special to the "Telegraph"

INGLEWOOD, June 9 (UP).—The back-to-work movement started to-day when nearly 1,000 workmen entered the plant through jeering picket lines by 10.45 a.m. The pickets broke their lines and allowed troops to enter the plant without violence, but there was considerable jeering.

Picket Carl Clement was wounded in the thigh and claimed that a soldier jabbed him with a bayonet when he did not move fast enough.

Arriving at the gates, the soldiers started moving the pickets and spectators away, jolting the ribs of those who were too slow. The pickets were quiet but sullen. Loud speakers, patrolling along the line, said, "Okay boys! Move back; remember the Army can't build aeroplanes!"

#### Under Govt Control

Colonel Charles Branshaw formally assumed charge of the plant within an hour after President Roosevelt's order had been issued; he was supported by 600 soldiers with drawn bayonets and steel helmets.

He issued a statement asking the law-abiding citizens to assist in putting the factory back to work, stating, "My instructions from Washington are to take all immediate steps necessary to protect the workmen desiring to enter the plant, those

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### Rapprochement In Far East Still Remote

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, June 10 (UP).—The recent substantial shipments of United States war materials to Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies and China, the dispatch of a United States air mission to Chungking, the possible loan of United States pilots for training purposes, and Mr. Hull's statements that the United States has not altered its attitude towards the Pacific, have convinced observers here that a Japan-American rapprochement is far distant although they are generally agreed that Britain would probably welcome any Pacific appeasement in order to concentrate United States attention on Europe.

Pence in the Pacific is further endangered by the refusal of the Dutch East Indies to accede to the Japanese economic proposals which many persons here believe was encouraged by Washington. Germany is reported to be bringing pressure to bear on Japan to make demands on the N.E.I. which the latter was unable to accept in order to keep the United States attention fixed on the Pacific, and possibly force Japan

to strike against the N.E.I. simultaneously with a German drive towards the Suez.

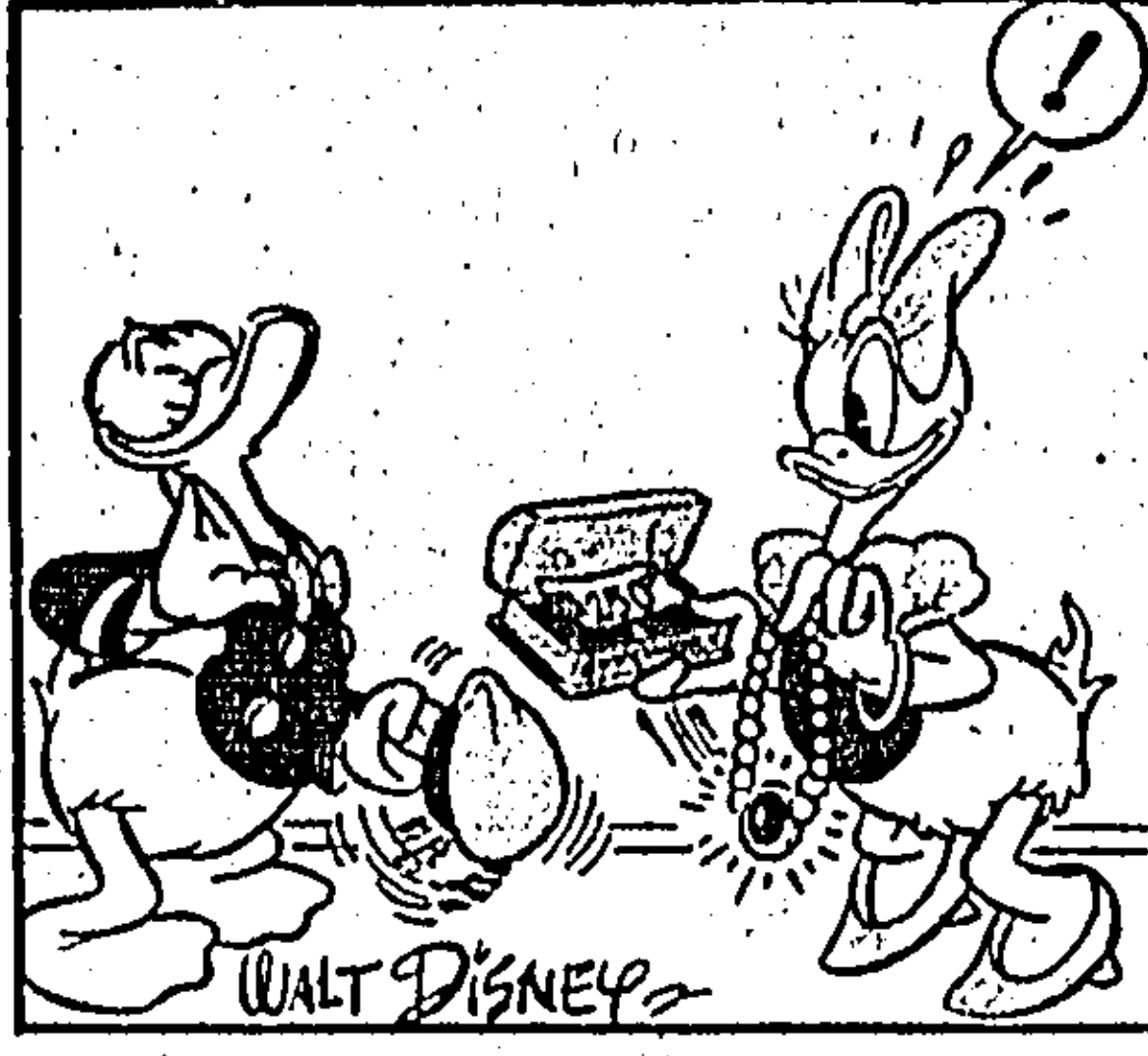
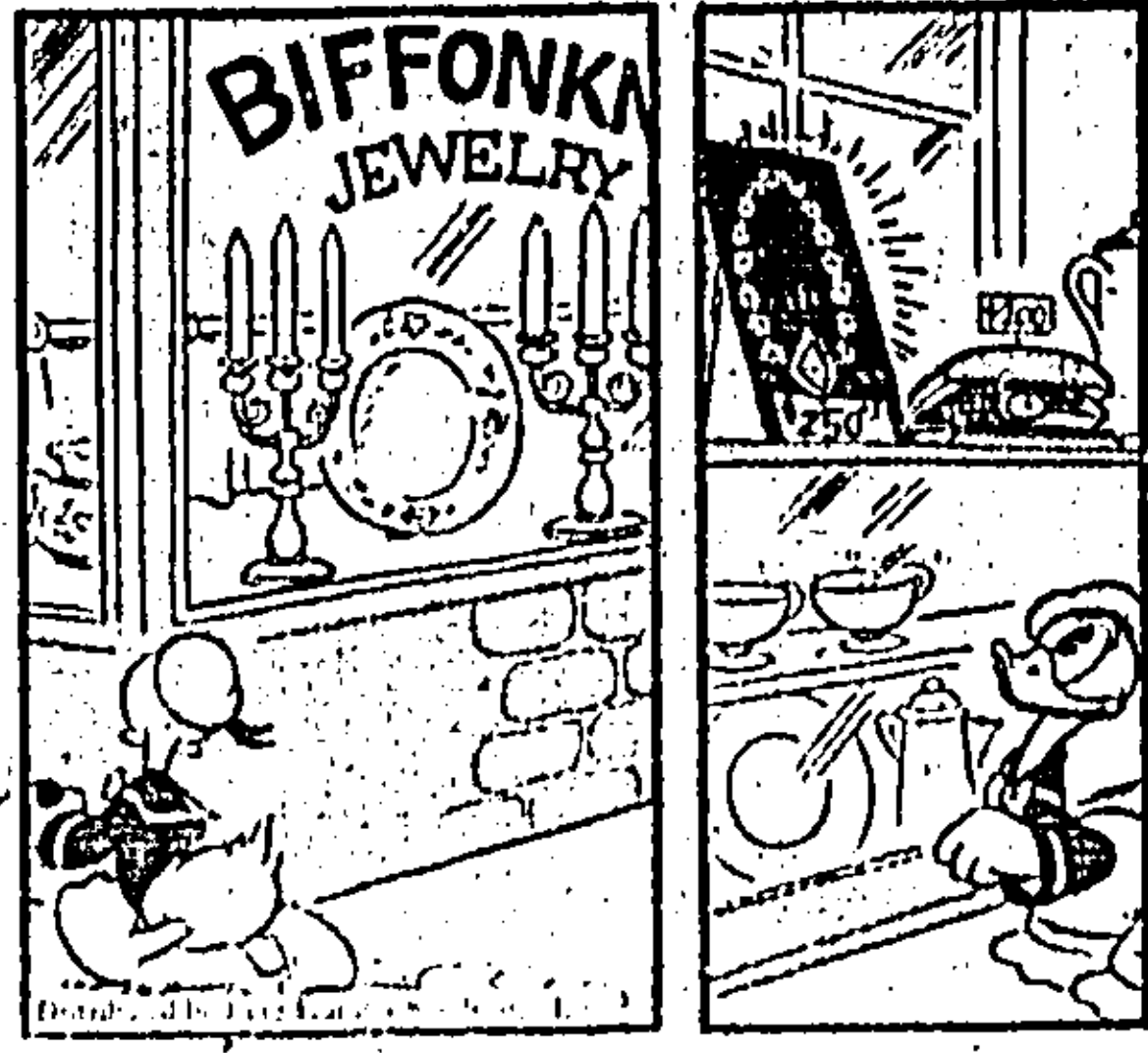
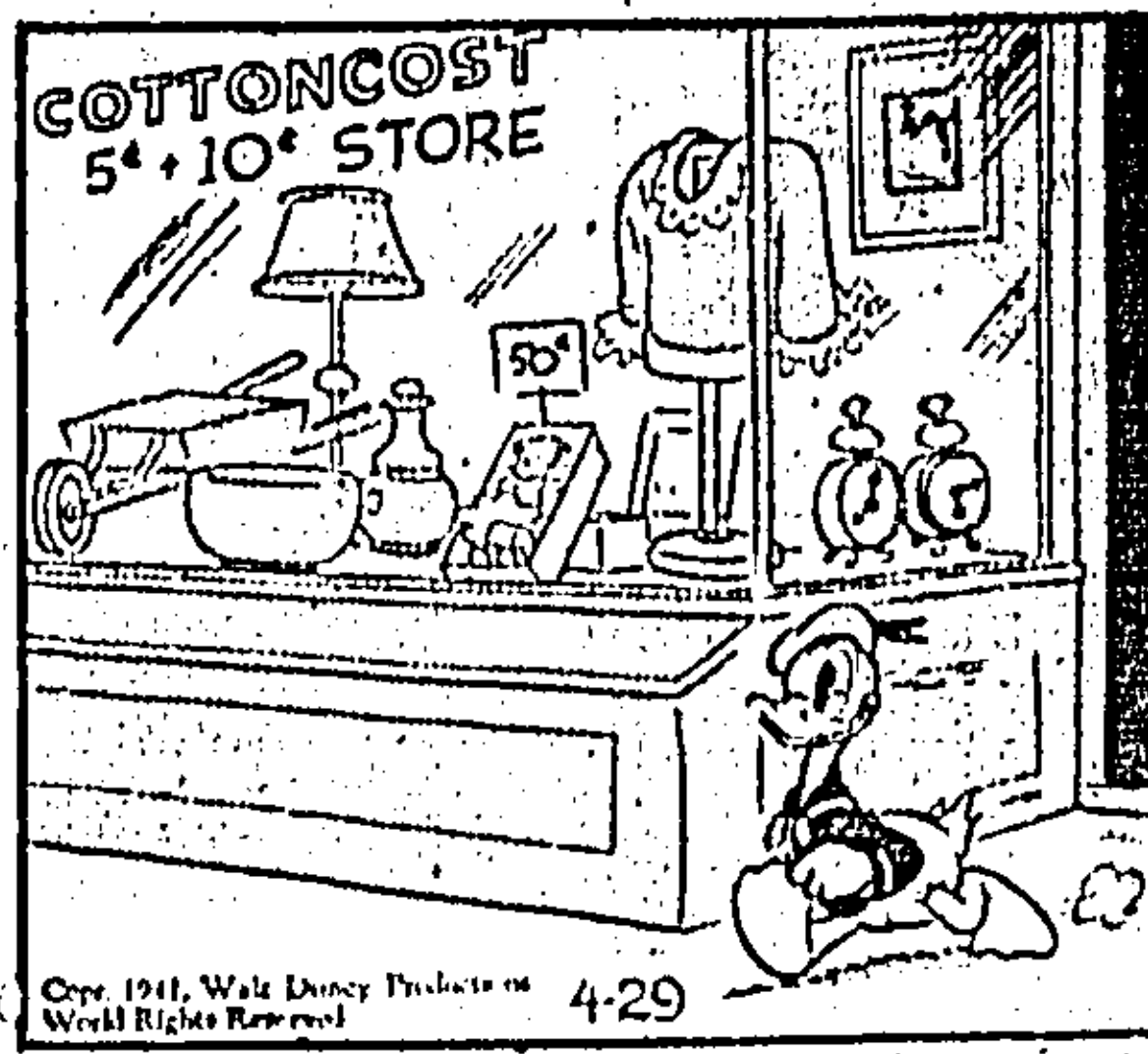
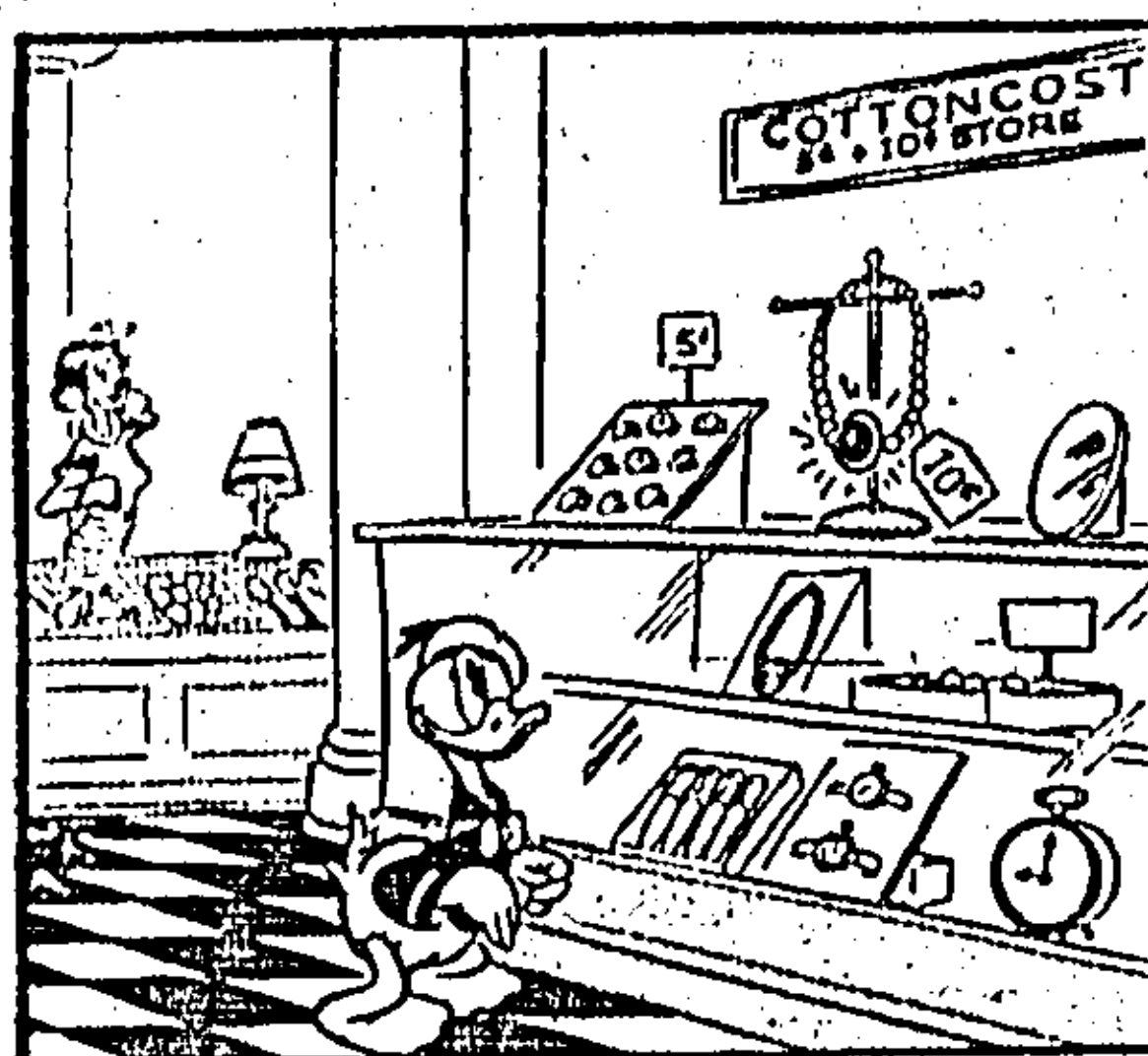
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Shrewd False-Carding

I CANNOT warn players too emphatically against indiscriminate play of false-cards. The intelligent play orthodox semi-safety play of laying of cards is, in itself, a form of lay-down the diamond ace, hoping to gauge. Obviously, it is one partner's got some information from the fall duty to "speak the truth" to the other. Most bridge lies (false cards) correct manner of drawing trumps. are more misleading to partner than West, of course, followed to the opponents.

But, while false-cards should be confined to these rare situations in which it is not dangerous to "lie" to partner, it is a fact that a judicious false-card can be very baffling to the enemy. Consider the declarer's dilemma in the following hand:

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 6  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ Q 7 6 4  
♣ A K Q 2

10 6 4 2  
♥ 4 3  
♦ J 8 5 3  
♣ 8 6 5

♠ A Q 8  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ A K 10 9  
♣ J 10 9

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

After West had opened the ace of hearts and continued with the second round, declarer's only problem was to pick up the trumps without losing to the missing jack. Obviously, a 3-2 split would insure success, and if he lay three guarded, even if he lay three guarded, could be picked up if declarer could guess which defender was long.

How should South play his three notrump contract against good defence? Opening lead, heart queen.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Cause to flow out
- 2—Cavalry weapon
- 3—Wooded official
- 4—Possessive pronoun
- 5—Type of plant
- 6—Belt covering
- 7—Purification
- 8—Basketball term
- 9—Decay
- 10—Pierce dogs
- 11—Aeriform fluid
- 12—People recently subjugated by Nazis
- 13—Title of respect
- 14—Railway station
- 15—Classical and literary
- 16—Walk to water
- 17—Physiological bird
- 18—Instrument for opening wound
- 19—Study with care
- 20—Grating of
- 21—Bastille bars
- 22—Coastal waters
- 23—Go to
- 24—Food fish
- 25—Analysed
- 26—Arithmetically
- 27—High-bone
- 28—Smaller trap
- 29—Chief city
- 30—Pertaining to wedged life
- 31—Spirit
- 32—Good (test)
- 33—Allowance for weight container

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### IN DARKEST HAMPSHIRE

"Is my bath ready, Hawkins?"

"Not quite, Sir. They're just dusting it."

"A gesture of old world courtesy, no doubt, but was it really necessary?"

"Very necessary indeed, Sir, as it happens to be a hip-bath which has lain some years in the coach-house. His Lordship rarely entertains."

"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yes in some ways His Lordship is well abreast of modern thought. This bottle of Rose's Lime Juice, Sir, is your room..."

"Placed there by His Lordship's own hand, Hawkins. And a very refreshing drink following upon a one-sided battle with His Lordship's decanters."

"Yes, Sir, and Rose's has still further virtues. It is justly renowned for annihilating the after-effects of alcohol, vulgarly known as mornings after."

"So that's why I'm still alive and kicking? Well, well, one lives and learns. Go and boil the kettle for my bath. I don't want to miss my breakfast."

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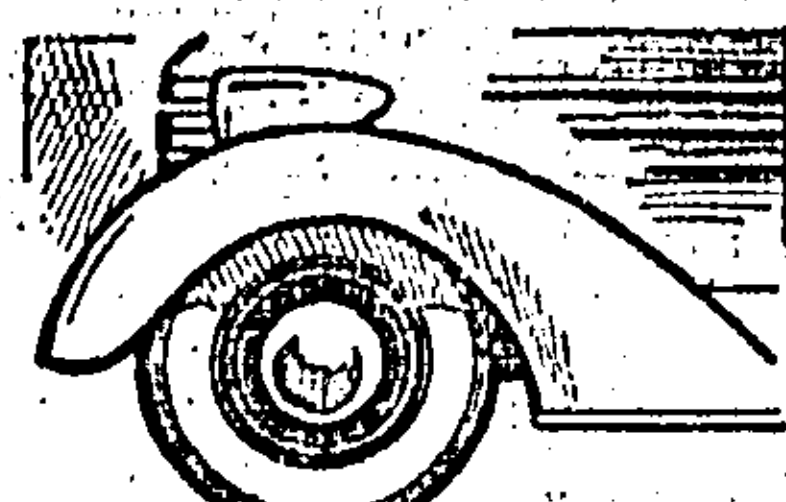
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### WARRIOR WOMEN

PUBLIC sentiment will warmly welcome the generous tribute which Mr Winant, the United States Ambassador, paid recently to the part which the women of Britain are playing in the national war effort. What has impressed him, he testifies, as much as anything since he arrived in England, is that this is a woman's war more than any other in history. It is true. Not only are women engaged in all the active services and in all the industries, but they are, by their indomitable spirit, their uncomplaining fortitude, and their unsparing acceptance of grievous burdens, aiding incalculably to maintain the national morale at the sticking place. Mr Winant has seen the bombed areas, and noted how the mothers and home makers there have faced unmerciful disaster, and shown, not less than their men in the fighting Services, the staying-power of their race.

Women are being confronted with dangers and sacrifices which have never before presented themselves in the same form and in the same degree; and they have risen nobly to the height of the grim emergency. If they had flinched or failed, no valour, however shining, could have availed to hold the front. As the struggle goes on more and more is demanded of the country's women-kind; and whatever is demanded is being given. Mr Winant bids his own country-women, whom he was directly addressing, to make it their duty to interpret to the women of America the place in the war that is held by the women of Britain. No better service could be rendered or more richly deserved.—L.D.T.

### Fragrant Garden Of Memory

All the year-round flowering shrubs are to be the garden-loving Dame Margaret Lloyd George's living memorial in the gardens of her home, Brynawelon, Cricieth. The shrubs are to be planted in a garden of remembrance which Mr Lloyd George has ordered to be designed. It is to have an iron gate bearing the letter "M."

### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Are we lucky, Mom! Otis Wilton's dog had six pups and his mother only let him keep one, so she gave me the other five!"

### Free France Marches With Britain

## Rallied Colonies

FREE FRENCH FORCES are now side by side with their British comrades in arms in Syria. It cannot be doubted which way lies the sympathies of the greater part of the population of this mandated territory. Neutral observers in the Middle East have during the past few months reported that Nazis and Nazi methods are decidedly unpopular there, and the desertions by French and colonial troops, who crossed into Palestine to join the Allies, are proof of some of their statements.

This new stroke places the colonies which have rallied to the call of Free France in important perspective, and it will be interesting to look at their position. The Free French colonies represent a territory six times the size of France and one-seventh of her population. They comprise the New Hebrides, Chad, the French Cameroons, Ubangi-Shari, Middle Congo, the French Establishments in India, New Caledonia and Gabon.

THE AFRICAN GROUP OF COLONIES, situated halfway between the Cape and Dakar, presents on the Atlantic Ocean a coastline of 1,000 kilometres where there are a number of modern ports with good facilities. The group of colonies constituting French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons binds together British West Africa and East Africa, forming a block right across the continent from the Red Sea to the Atlantic.

It is evident that apart from the actual support which the Free French equatorial empire can contribute to the Allied war effort by the virtue of its resources, Germany now finds herself deprived of certain products of which her industry was in great need.

Special mention should be made of New Caledonia and the nickel, lead, chromium and iron ore which she exports to the British Empire. Gabon sends woods which are used in the construction of aeroplanes; and Chad sends cotton. Plumbago and wolfram are obtained from the Cameroons, as well as iron and mica.

TO GOVERN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS VAST TERRITORY, a central organisation called the "Council of Defence of the Free French Empire" was created in October 1940 at Brazzaville by General de Gaulle. The Council, which was officially recognised by the British Government in January, consists of the commanders-in-chief of the Free French Forces, the Governors of the most important colonies and also of persons representing those moral values which found their expression in the Free French movement.

## How Britain Is Adding To Her Merchant Fleet Ships From Factories

By A Shipping Correspondent

Taking a leaf from the Book during the slump of a decade of Father Noah, British ship-ago-builders are about to fabricate ships inland.

This they are doing with not only of factory facilities at precisely the same object as present engaged on work of less importance, but also of the original Ark, namely, to make a secure against disaster all manner of men and beasts.

The British Admiralty, in short, as part of its gigantic war-time shipbuilding programme, has decided to adopt "pre-fabrication" methods in the building of merchant ships.

This means that the vessels will be built in sections at ordinary steelworks inland, and thence transported to assembly yards on the coast or on the great rivers.

Several of Britain's largest steel constructional firms, whose normal work includes the building of bridges, viaducts, large buildings, and so on, are taking part in this novel scheme.

It is anticipated that it will be possible to deal with at least one-third of the components of each ship outside the usual shipbuilding centres. The work of assembly, moreover, will be carried out at shipyards dismantled was not in the least "jerry-

# Hitler Pounds At the Gates Of Araby

Interesting observations on the war operations and potentials in the Middle East by one of the most widely respected American political correspondents. Mrs McCormick acted as European correspondent for the "New York Times" for many years, and is an authority on European affairs.

By Anne O'Hare McCormick

"The Oriental is a very old child," wrote Gertrude Bell after her first journey to the Near East. She went on to note what every traveller feels who tries to understand the strange world east of Suez, a world at once static and nomadic, rooted in Genesis yet formless as the moving landscape of the desert.

"Their statecraft consists of guesses, often shrewd enough, at the results that may spring from the clash of unknown forces, of which the strength and the aim are but dimly apprehended; their wisdom is that of men whose channels of information and standards of comparison are different from ours, and who bring a different set of preconceptions to bear upon the problems laid before them."

### Ancient Roots

Sooner or later, it was inevitable that this conflict should spread to that subcontinent which lies between the Black Sea and the Red. There the human story began, on the gray plains of Asia Minor, in the Valley of the Euphrates, in the waste lands beyond the Jordan, and the apocalyptic struggle for power was bound at last to shake not only the Western world, the edifice of industrial civilisation, but the ancient roots whence stems the tangled history of man. At some point the battle had to return to the original field of Armageddon. Not only the Balkan peninsula and the Iberian peninsula but the Arabian peninsula had to choose between Hitler and the alternative of Hitler.

So far the fight going on in Iraq seems to be a local engagement. It is spreading within the Iraqi borders, and a few vague incidents have occurred in Syria and Palestine, but there is nothing to indicate any general movement among the

The answer to that question would be a clue to British policy since the war started. The next centres in the attitude of Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia. He is the strong man in the Arab world; in so far as there is any primary power, the disparate tribes and kingdoms of this incoherent people, he is the leader. Ibn Saud is supposed to be a friend of the British, and if he takes sides in an Arab showdown, his influence will be very great.

The answer to the third question lies hidden in the cautious mind of Ismet Inönü, Premier and virtual dictator of Turkey. Supposing that the time is past when the Turks might have helped the British, what is their policy toward their former subjects and their alliance with Iran and Afghanistan? By abolishing the caliphate and the symbolic fez and yashmak, Turkey gave up the leadership of Islam, but can she remain passive to the threat of German domination of the Arab world?

There is also a fourth question, brought to the fore by reports that Washington is working out a plan to send food shipments to Algiers and Morocco, with the object of stifling General Weygand in holding out against pressure. This is also a sign that the hungry Arabs under French rule are restive. A "trade programme" worked out between the United States and French North Africa after the fall of France might have saved the situation. It may even yet, but Hitler is already at the gate of the Arab peninsula, and the question he provokes sounds like the stroke of a clock showing how late the hour is and how narrow is a world in which we live next door to the Arabs.

Yards specialising in certain types of tonnage. Solving The U-Boat Problem With this experience, then, the new scheme will present no insurmountable problems for British shipbuilders.

The supreme virtue of the project lies in the removal of limitations which condition output to the maximum capacity of the country's shipyards. For the new scheme virtually converts large inland factories into widely-scattered shipyard components, and thus increases greatly the total building capacity of the country, at the same time speeding up production.

Thus Great Britain, by borrowing an idea from Father Noah, has tapped an entirely new and incalculably valuable source of merchant tonnage to meet and counter the menace of the U-boat and the long-range



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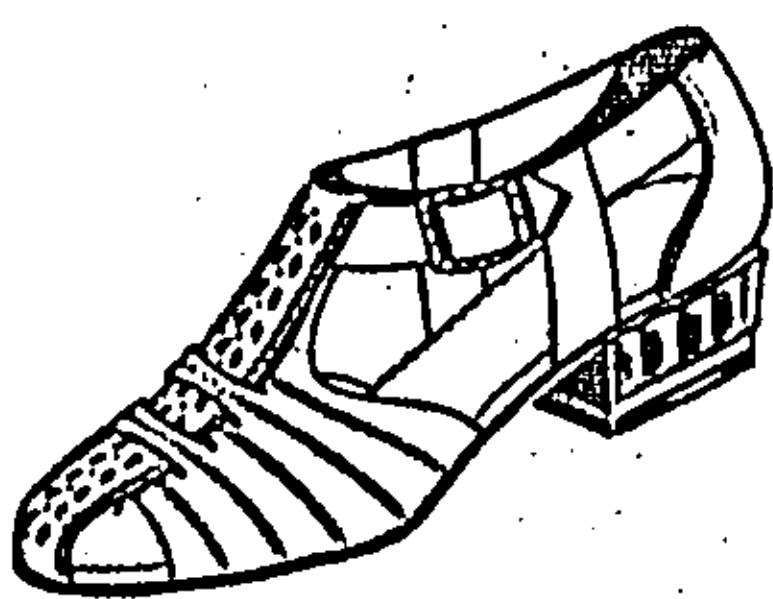


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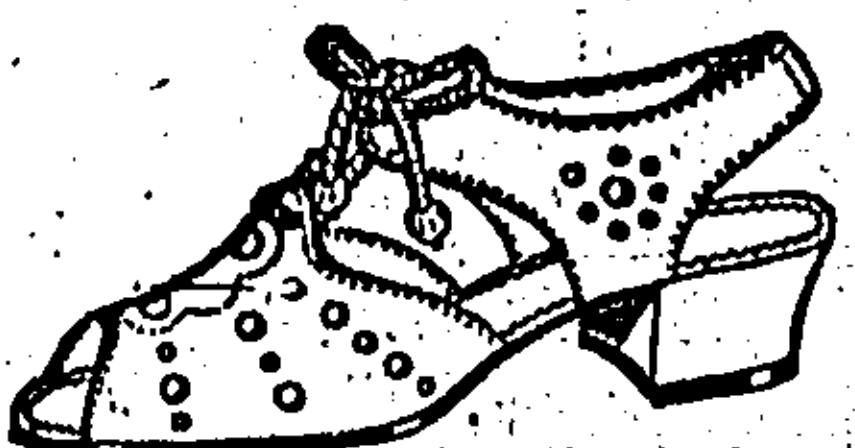
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# Colony Champions Out To Retain League Pennant

## Mindanao Moundsman's Masterful Hurling

### SAPPERS SURPRISE S. CHINA

By Ball Fan

Marking up another milestone in the annals of local baseball opening day "gala affairs," the Hongkong seven team major ball loop inaugurated their new Chatham Road ball park Saturday afternoon as Governor Northcote throw out the first ball to start the season winging on its way, before a sell-out crowd of rabid ball fans.

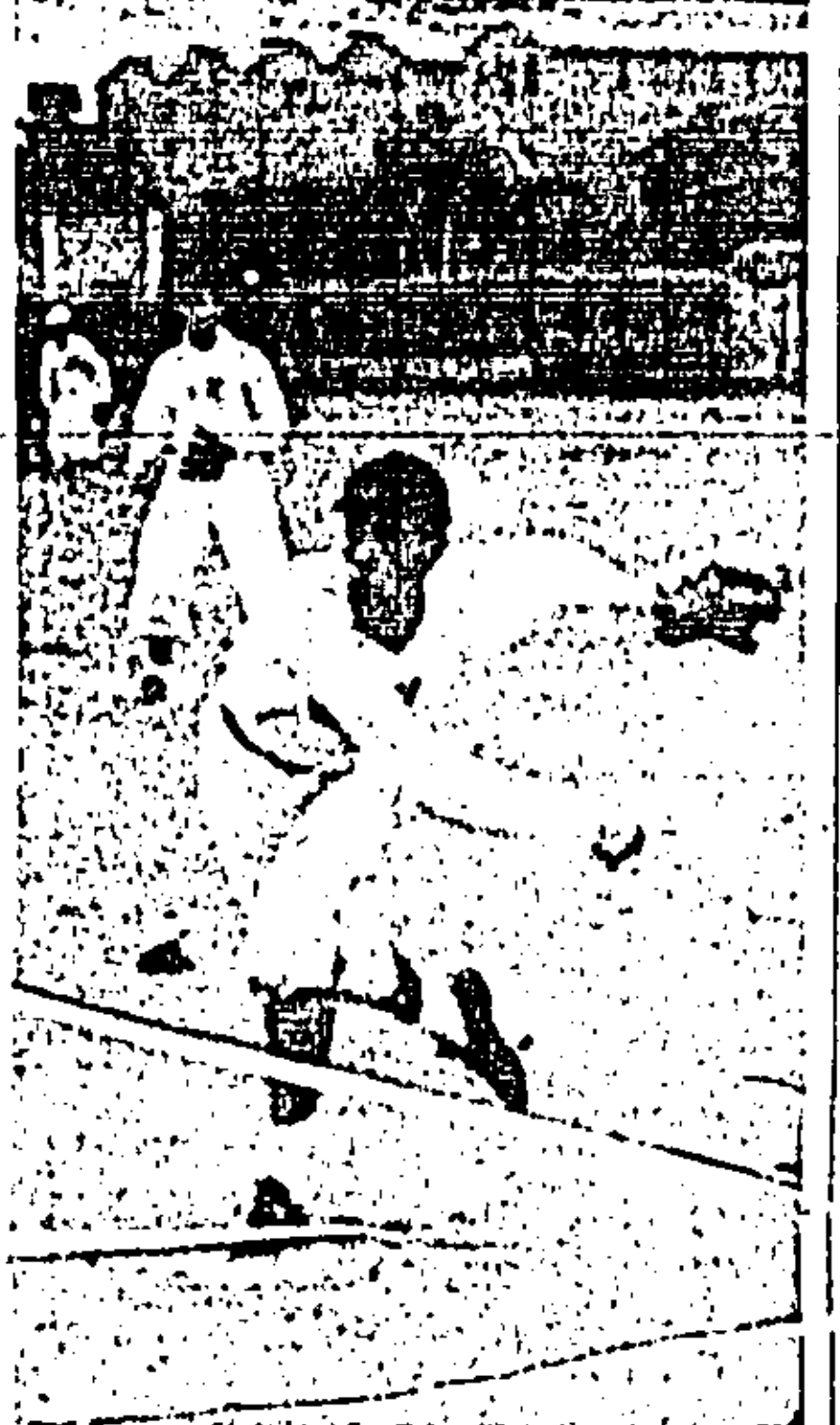
In a perfect setting of real baseball weather, Mindanao's terrific M, gunning for their second straight pennant, started on the upward road to Flagville with a sensational 7-6 "Merriwell" win over H.B.'s powerful beer-makers.

**MANAGER** Bill Woods' Asheville southerners opened up the two game Sabbath programme with their initial triumph of the season, setting the marauding Mohawks down with a 6-4 count. It was the Tennessee-seemingly first victory since their appearance on a local ball diamond this year.

Royal Engineers started the campaign in big time fashion, taking a 9-5 surprise win from South China's weak-willowed red and blue men.

**BEHIND** the masterful hurling of Ski Powlawski, and the terrific clouting of Tony Mascavage and the fleet-footed Willie Wilson, the Colony champions looked every inch the ball team that will, once again, be in there at the final stretch bid.

Going into the final stanza on the short end of a 6-5 score, after six roaring innings which had the fans shouting out that "one-up, one-down" jig-saw, the defending champions broke out with a vengeance as Willie Wilson opened the inning with a clean single to centrefield, tearing into second on his fourth steal of the day. George Sousa's bad error off Ski Powlawski's infield hit put the tying and winning runs on the bags, giving manager Ival Goodman's fans that "perfect setting" atmosphere. "Typhoon" Tony Mus-



M. Arculli pitching for the Brewers against the Mindanao. Ming Yuen.

cavage brought in the tying run with a long sacrifice hit to deep centre, while left fielder Robert Woodrow Wilson's climax bingle sent the hard-playing "Ski" sliding across the pan with the old ball game in the well-known bag.

"The Brewers made their last desperate bid for victory in the 6th inning on a 'do or die' attack after two Beermen were put away when pinch hitter Joe Bowen'sizzling double to right brought in Stan Leonard, and Obeir Arculli's clean bingle over second sending big Joe across the platter.

The terrific M dashed in with rare mid-season form, with the rookies bearing down in starry debut style behind the steady influence of last year's veterans.

Highlight of the seven run Mindanao attack was Tony Mascavage's hustling homer in the 5th stanza which carried in Crooner Beas who had made first on a fielder's choice. The peppery Tony played dazzling red-hot ball behind the plate and was the big bright spark which set the pennant holders off in a glowing, opening victory.

Fireballer Ski Powlawski let the powerful Brewers down with five scattered hits, sending six back to the bench via the whit route. His smoke ball was breaking across the plate with clock-like precision. There isn't any doubt about the fact that the "Ski" is headed for his best season yet.

The Beermen displayed plenty of class out there, in this "all important" tilt, but were hitting against a team that were playing

### Weekend Stars

Tony Mascavage and Ski Powlawski, Mindanao—Mindanao's Tony sparked the champions in their big opening day win with a peppery display behind the platter, and pounded out a prodigious homer in the 5th canto; later chalked up his first mound victory of the year, holding the Beermen to five scattered blows and whiffing six.

Dusty Rhoades and Sam Langford, U.S.S. Asheville—Former drove out a stinging triple to drive in two runs in the big scoring 2nd inning; later led the winners' willow attack with two hits and crossed the plate with a lone run. Flash Radcliffe and Sars Sarsfield, Royal Engineers—Former made two safe bingles to drive in three Sapper runs; latter hurled a steady game and crossed the pan with three winning tallies.

real heads-up baseball—a team of worthy champions.

Slim, silent shortstop George Sousa had an off-day out at the windy alley, chalking up three expensive errors in a shaky opening start.

**WITH** Gordon "Dusty" Rhodes smashing out a triple to lead a dynamite four run scoring attack in the 2nd frame, the U.S.S. Asheville nine outclassed Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks 6-4 in an early morning Sabbath opening.

Uncle Sam's tars cashed in with the winning run in the 5th canto when "Freer" "Honolulu" Leas checked in at the platter on key-stoner Johnny Schaberg's wild heave. The Tennessee-southerners chalked up a final "confidence" tally in the 6th as George Watkins rode home on high.

Waggoner's Tribe flashed in with four runs in the initial three frames, but found plenty of trouble in solving huster Charlie Sawyer's speedy offerings, and were held scoreless in the latter innings.

The "four horsemen" and the old "flock" himself, (Lou Leight, Joe Morris, Frank Crews, Mack Sperry and Pete Fitch) from Stanley, put in a surprised appearance and played starry ball in their first workout of the year. This quintet had already put away the old cheats since their departure from America many moons ago, and were not in ball-playing form but there on Sunday.

Doubles were belted out by opposing hurlers Frankie Crews and Charlie Sawyer; the Mindanao moundsman along with Johnny Schaberg led the losers' clouting attack, both coming through with two bingles in three trips.

**FALLING** on South China

slabman Ernie Moy for nine solid bingles, the rapidly improving Engineers began their ball season with a sparkling 9-5 triumph over the Caroline Hill-men.

Hamelin's Sappers played bang-up ball behind the improved twirling of Sars Sarsfield who limited the Chinese to six scattered safeties.

Taking a one run lead in the 2nd frame when Sarsfield walked, stole second and third to cross the pan on Mal Wingless' error, the British Engineers retained the lead across the platter, with a lightning double by Mickey Heath.

Vic Foley and Ruddy Radcliffe led the military-willow attack with the latter battling in three runs on two scorching drives.

The Chinese ball tossers played loose-feeding ball to chalk up nine bad miscues on the slippery terrain.

### Major Baseball

## NO AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES ON SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, June 9 (UP).—No American League games were on schedule today. In the National circuit, Chicago Cubs ran riot against Boston Braves and chalked up 13 runs to the Bees' (X). Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Chicago	13	21
Boston	6	14
Batteries: Early, Lamanna, Tobin, Sullivan and Mast.		
Cincinnati	9	10
Batteries: Thompson, Moore, Beggs, E. Riddle, Lombard.		
Brooklyn	7	12
Batteries: Casey, Davis, Swift, Hildebrand.		
Pittsburgh	5	9
Batteries: Wilkie, Lopes.		
Philadelphia	0	2
Batteries: Grissom, Crounch, Hoerst, Warren.		
St. Louis	5	12
Batteries: Gumbert, Mancuso.		
New York	2	4
Batteries: Carpenter, W. Brown, Hartnett.		

### League Tennis

## South China Beat University In "A" Division

SOUTH CHINA A.A. beat the University 6-3 in the only "A" Division tennis match played at Pokfulam yesterday. H. P. Ong and George Choa were the most successful pair for the Varsity, winning two of their three games. South China's players were evenly paired and each won two games. I. Hau and A. Chan succeeded where their teammates had failed—against Ong and Choa.

Week-link of the Undergraduates' team were S. H. Ling and A. L. Tsai, losing all three games. Scores were: H. Ling and A. L. Tsai lost to S. H. Ong and G. Choa 0-6; lost to I. Hau and A. Chan 3-6; S. Wong lost to Nick and Liu 1-6; lost to Wong and Kwan 0-6; lost to Hau and Chan 0-2; lost to P. Ong and G. Choa 0-6; lost to I. Hau and Chan 0-2.

The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in their "B" Division Tennis League match against South China Athletic Association at Kowloon Cricket Club today: A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; N. A. Mackay and F. Kengelbacker; J. Zimmerman and D. Hazell.

## Handicaps For Macao Races On June 15

Following are the handicaps allotted to some of the ponies entered for the June meeting of the Macao Jockey Club on June 15: The Canberra Handicap. Six furlongs. Australian Ponies.—A. Good Time 135, National Victory 135, Angel of Glory 152, Tobaccobush 144, Annabella 138, Odin 142, Cockleford 147, Ozark 142, Double Finesse 158, Winnie 145, Joan 169.

The Hobart Handicap. Six furlongs. Novices Jockeys. Australian "E" Class.—Deafoord 130, Dick Turpin 142, Blue Gown 139, High Hat 137, Bonebreaker 142, Rising Star 140, Buckfastleigh 142, Suppona 142. The Lappa Handicap. Six furlongs. China Ponies "C" Class.—Blue Diamond 140, Night Express 140, Blue Field 152, Odion 132, Calverton Bay 147, Oscar Zylch 142, Jennifer 138, Straining Through 147, Lancashire Lass 148. The Ma Kok Handicap. (First Section). Six furlongs. China Ponies "E" Class.—Black Diamond 138, National Success 152, Gerardo 140, Pilot Hole 140, King's Worthy 150, Radium Star 143, Mac's Adventure 140, Sports Venture 135. The Edwards' Cup. Six furlongs. China Ponies "D" Class.—Boat Bay 140, Portrush 140, Eve of Hunting 159, Royal Highness 135, Golden Cow 149, Sunlight View 135, Golden Stars 142, West Lake 140, Lovely Star 150. The Ma Kok Handicap. (Second Section). Novice Jockeys. Special dollar sweep.—Eagle 147, New Bedford 152, Hopalong 140, The Merryman 140, National Anthem 146, The Spirit of St. Louis 140, National Liberty 150, Victory Life 135.

Tony Mascavage batting for the Mindanao in the opening match of the Baseball season against the H.K. Brewery on Saturday. Obeir Arculli catching with Gandpa Leung umpiring.—Ming Yuen.

### Golf

## Masters' Champion Wins U.S. Open Title

## Brilliant Play By Craig Wood

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, winner of the recent Augusta Masters Tournament, to-day won the American Open golf championship at Fort Worth, Texas, with scores of 73, 71, 70 and 70=284, beating Densmore Shute, who was second with 287.

Johnny Bulla and Ben Hogan were third with 289.

Shute finished early and was being hailed the winner but Wood, although he was wearing a protective belt for his torn back muscle, played brilliantly to win by a useful margin and avenge his defeat by Shute in the re-played British open in 1933.

## Warmerdam Sets Pole Vault Record

CALIFORNIA, June 9 (Reuter).—Cornelius Warmerdam attained a new world pole vault record by clearing the bar at 15 ft. 5 1/2 ins. Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmerdam has several times exceeded that height.

## Planning Next Year's Soccer At Home

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Football League's annual meeting was held to-day at Nottingham, and it was decided that next season the League should run two competitions. North and South, on a points basis, to finish on December 26.

Several Clubs were not in favour of this and put forward amendments which were defeated.

For the second half of the season, there will be a Combined League Cup competition, but with the important proviso that the League Committee, and not the Clubs, make out the fixtures.

The original intention had been for the Clubs to make their own fixtures.

**Scoring Basis**

The Committee will decide on bases for the goals, points, goal average or percentage. After ten games, the top 32 Clubs qualify for the Cup proper.

Early games may delay County and local Cup competitions, and London Clubs are thinking that the new arrangement may prevent their own Cup competition from being played.

## PERRY WINS ROUND ROBIN TOURNEY TO AID WAR RELIEF

FOREST HILLS, June 9 (Reuter).—Fred Perry, winner of the recent American professional tennis championship, won a round robin tournament to-day for British war relief, being unbeaten in the series. Perry and Budge were unbeaten in the doubles. W. T. Tilden also took part.

Sir Gerald Campbell, the guest of honour, thanked the American players and clubs for their help, remarking that it was a pity there was now a large crater in the middle of the centre court at Wimbledon but it would soon be levelled and we would be able to turn our heads backwards without wondering whether the Gospiap was looking and listening. The Lord Mayor of London also telegraphed his thanks.

Budge was not in his best form, the intense heat aggravating the usual trouble for which he recently underwent an operation.

**South China Win Again**

IPOLI, June 9.—South China beat the Malayan Combined Chinese 3-0. Loo, Wei-tung scored one goal and Loo Tak-keo two.

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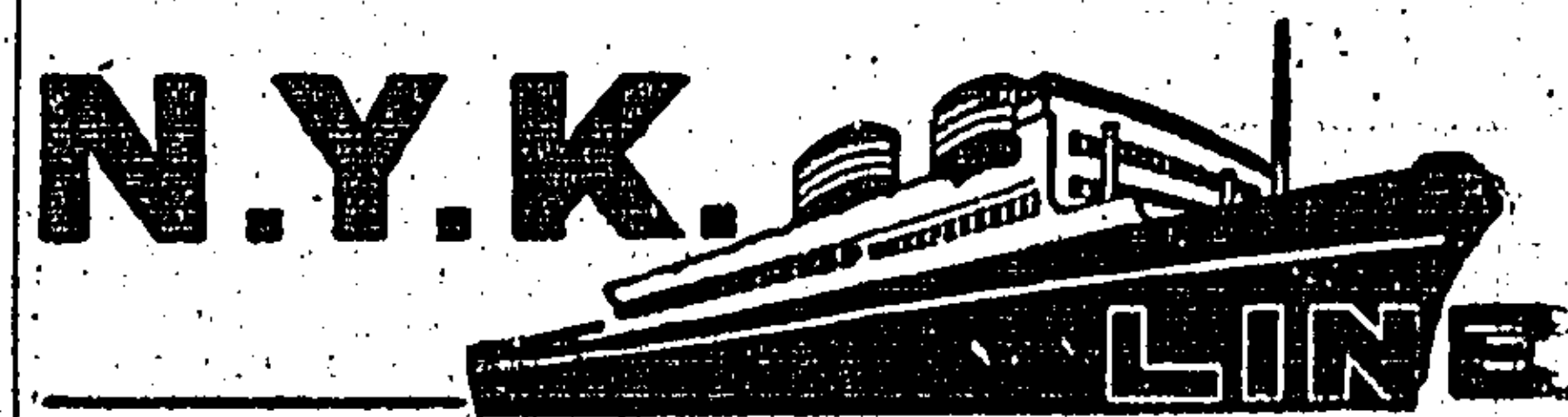
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# NANCY

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## Nazis Were Buying Up Our Money

German soldiers were so certain last September that they would invade and capture Britain that Nazi guards at prison camps were eager to exchange German marks for English money belonging to the prisoners.

They wanted the English money to spend in Britain.

This was revealed by 53-year-old Private Thomas Dunkley, of the Pioneer Corps, who has returned to his home at Southport, after being repatriated from a German prison camp in Occupied France owing to ill-health.

When France collapsed Private Dunkley and an officer dodged the Nazis for nine days until they were captured near the Swiss frontier.

They were taken to a camp where there were thousands of prisoners of all nationalities. Food and water were always short.

### Lack Of Food

Dunkley said: "The Germans made us work hard, but we could not keep it up because we did not get sufficient food. It was a hell of a job to exist."

Lack of food undermined his health, and he was sent to hospital. Then on November 9 he was told he could go home. After a spell in hospital at Lyons, he reached Marseilles with two other Englishmen.

There he was interned until February 24, in a fortress occupied by the French Foreign Legion, despite the fact that his papers were in order.

### Christmas Treat

"At Christmas British subjects still in Marseilles gave us a grand dinner of turkey and Christmas pudding—the first square meal we had had in six months," Dunkley said.

He added that German prison guards treated the prisoners fairly well, but "put them through it" after returning from leave and viewing the damage done in their home towns by the R.A.F.

## Ship Wrecked Men's Friend In London

When seafaring officers found themselves, after Dunkirk, stranded without kit, the wife of a Lt.-General in the Royal Marines, Mrs. George Mathew, set to work to help them.

Her single-handed effort has developed into a full-time job, and men who have been torpedoed and have lost everything can go to her flat at 55, Park-lane, W.1, and be refitted as far as her stores allow.

Mrs. Mathew said that the work began as the result of an appeal to relatives of men who had died on active service. These have given uniforms and other equipment for the benefit of the men following on.

Men who arrive on trawlers and minesweepers are probably the hardest hit by enemy action. Mrs. Mathew has been able to re-equip hundreds of them, and among her most frequent visitors are officers of the Merchant Service, to whom she has been able to give not only clothing, but such things as fountain pens and watches.

America has contributed liberally to Mrs. Mathew's store cupboards.

## U.S. Has Fewer Millionaires

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UP).—The number of American millionaires—persons with net incomes of \$1,000,000 or more—dropped from 50 in 1938 to 42 in 1939, reports the U.S. Treasury.

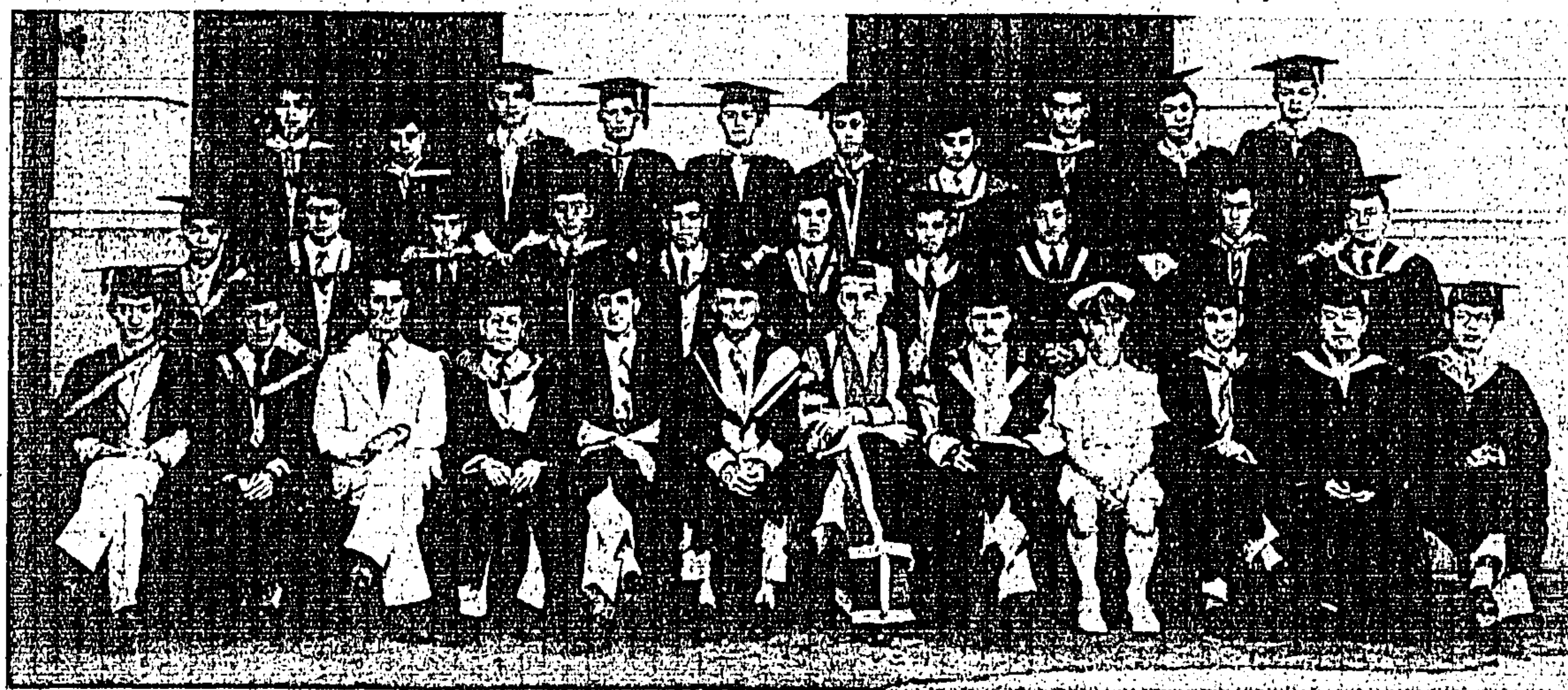
The 1939 millionaires, however, paid income taxes of \$46,073,000 compared with taxes of \$43,428,000 the previous year.

The all-time record was in 1929, the Treasury said, when 513 millionaires paid income taxes of \$101,054,000.

## New Black-Out Drapery

NEW YORK, June 9 (UP).—Department stores are now selling a novel window drapery called the "Black-Out," designed especially for air raid drills.

The drapery is styled and coloured to match current decorative schemes, but is also equipped with a zipper arrangement down the front which, with one movement, blacks-out the room without the use of black paper or painted windows.



Engineering and science graduates of the Hongkong University who received their degrees recently are seen in the above picture. Seated in centre (reading fourth from left) are Mr S. V. Boxer, Registrar, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mr D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. W. Brown, Dean of the Faculty of Science. (Photo: A. Fong).

## Ousting Westerners From China Openly Admitted As Japan's Aim

Open admission that Japan aims at the complete eradication of Western influence from China and the employment of the Chinese as servants of the Japanese conquerors in further moves directed toward southern Asia is contained in an article written for the Tokyo newspaper "Yomiuri" by Toshio Shiratori, adviser to the Foreign Office, reports the Tokyo correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

"In the present China Affair, Japan has not frankly stated her true mind to the world as yet," Mr. Shiratori says. "Had she declared at the outset that Japan's object was to save China from the encroachment of the Whites... it would have produced good results."

Japan's programme "has been extended in scope. The original East Asian new order has become converted into the Greater East Asian new order while the Japan-Manchukuo-China bloc has become enlarged into the Greater East Asian Common Prosperity Sphere within which lies the extensive area of Southeast Asia."

"The main objective has changed from the emancipation of China into the emancipation of Asia; the aim, now, is to restore Asia to the Asiatics. As a matter of fact, Japan, with her poor natural resources, could not be indifferent to China's resources. China may be lacking in material supplies but she is blessed with ample human resources."

### "Absolute Necessity"

"Although for diplomatic reasons she (Japan) could not say so," Mr. Shiratori goes on, "her object has been to drive the improper influences and interests of the White races out of China. From the point of view of Japan whose mind is set on Southward development the emancipation of China is a matter of absolute necessity."

Mr. Shiratori is one of the leading anti-democratic voices in Japan and one of the most outspoken foes of America and Great Britain. He is a former Ambassador to Italy and an ardent supporter of the Axis Pact.

During the spring and summer of 1939 when he was in Rome he and Ambassador Oshima in Berlin did everything in their power to secure Japan's adherence to a Tri-Power military alliance with Germany and Italy. It was freely reported, in fact, that he had proceeded far beyond the authority given him in making commitments tying Japan to the dictator nations.

### Cabinet Wavered

Mr. Shiratori and General Oshima were so insistent in urging Japan's adherence to the agreement in which they had the full support of the Japanese Army that the Cabinet wavered several times.

Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, then Naval Minister and later Premier, stood firm against any such agreement, however, and refused to consider the possibility of the Japanese Fleet becoming a weapon of the Berlin-Rome-Axis.

Following the signature of the German-Soviet agreement, last August which led to the European war the Japanese Cabinet resigned and Mr. Shiratori and Gen. Oshima were promptly recalled. Gen. Oshima has now been sent back to his Berlin post, following last September's admission of Japan to the Pact and Mr. Shiratori holds an advisory post in the Foreign Office.

## NEW PNEUMONIA TREATMENT

Pittsburgh, June 9 (UP).—A new treatment for pneumonia, as efficacious as the "wonder drug" sulfa-pyridine, was reported recently by Dr. E. R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute.

The new treatment, using hydroxyethylapocupreine, dubbed "71" for daily use, has been used in clinical study in Pittsburgh for five years, Dr. Weidlein revealed in his 28th annual report. During that period, Dr. Weidlein said, its effects have been as favourable as treatment with sulfa-pyridine.

"In a series of cases of pneumonia treated during 1935-40," the report said, "there was found practically an equal mortality in the treatment with hydroxyethylapocupreine and with sulfa-pyridine."

"The results of treatment of 404 pneumonia cases by hydroxyethylapocupreine in the period have shown a marked lowering of the total mortality and of the mortality in both the bacteremic and the non-bacteremic cases."

Dr. Weidlein, explaining that the "71" treatment can be used separately or in conjunction with sulfa-pyridine, said that physicians outside Pittsburgh have employed the new method and "there is every reason to believe that they will sustain the findings made here."

### Teeth Cavities

Among other work carried on by the Institute, the Nutrition Fellowship at the end of its five-year programme of fundamental research at the Institute that experiments with rats indicated that teeth cavities can be prevented if fluorides are included in the diet.

Other research concerned standards for surgical dressings and for gut and silk sutures; improved methods of manufacturing crucibles; and evolving of an entirely new ceramic body possessing properties required for table-top service.

## AFTER SKINS OF SEALS

The motorship, Penguin, of the U.S. fisheries and wild life service set sail recently to aid in the collection of the annual dividends in pelts from the Pribiloff Islands' fur seal rookeries.

Last year 65,000 skins worth nearly \$1,000,000 were taken.

The craft, which operates for the fur seal division of the service, will take up supplies for the residents of the islands and its passengers 15 men from the Fouke Fur Company of St. Louis besides several employees who are going North for the season, according to E. C. Johnston, in charge.

### Start This Month

Killing will start about mid-June and the expert fur dressers will then start their work of dressing, dyeing and otherwise preparing the pelts for the market.

Three-year-old "bachelor" seals only are killed and a larger number than last season is expected. As in former years, it is expected that a navy transport will be sent North this summer with winter supplies for the Pribiloffs and to bring back the seal skins.

The skins are sold at auction at St. Louis and the proceeds divided among the three countries, United States, Great Britain and Japan. The two latter countries take 15 per cent, each and the United States 70 per cent.

### Japan's Seals

Japan, which also looks after seal rookeries in her own section of the globe, makes a similar division with the United States and Great Britain, taking 30 per cent. between them, and Japan the balance.

Although Japan recently abrogated the treaty, the year's notice period has not yet expired. Both the pelts, valuable by-products in the shape of oil and meat are produced from the carcasses.

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### Good News

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is "delighted" with Col Branshaw's news of the situation at the North American Aviation factory, said Mr Stephen Early, secretary. Col. Branshaw reported that 2,000 members of the day shift or nearly half the shift, had resumed work. Col Branshaw expected that production would be practically normal by to-morrow.

### Bayonets Fixed

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (Reuter).—Two marching columns have arrived to augment the convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory. Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory. The strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayoneted and taken to hospital.

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that possession and operation are to be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant will be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence." The War Secretary, Colonel Simson, is authorised to employ workmen and will handle the question of compensation for the Company.

### Fight Stopped

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (Reuter).—Fighting between pickets and workers broke out late to-day at the North American Aviation Corporation factory. Troops broke up the fighting and arrested 10 strikers.

## Rapprochement In Far East Remote

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materials to Singapore and Batavia, coincident with the swift strengthening of the Philippines; however, Shanghai observers who are closer to the Japanese, are of the opinion that the tone of the recent Japanese comment and also the apparent lack of withdrawals of troops from North China and the launching of renewed Japanese offensives throughout China during May, indicated that the Japanese are not prepared to move immediately.

They asserted that the crucial test would come if the United States withdraws her fleet from the Pacific when Japanese naval officials would be more likely to favour a push southwards. They are of the opinion that the activity of Axis diplomats in Tokyo might indicate that Berlin is bringing pressure on Tokyo to move immediately, while Ambassador Nomura's soundings of opinion in Washington indicates that the Japanese are undecided.

## Unsupported Navy Dared Air Fleets

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remain, but this is the last night the Navy can come. Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all and that every effort to bring them back is being made.

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## RECEPTION FOR LI SHIH-TSENG

The Hongkong Alumni Association of the National Peking University alumni in Hongkong will give a tea reception at Cafe Windsor to-morrow, at 4 p.m., in honour of Mr Li Shih-tseung, member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee who returned here last Friday from a visit to Europe.

Mr Li, who was formerly a professor of the University, will speak on his impressions of his visit to Europe.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

**Buyers**  
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MONARCH IN EXILE—Exiled King Carol of Rumania arrives in Bermuda for stop-over visit on way to Cuba, where he plans temporary home. He was accompanied by Mme. Elena (formerly Magda) Lupescu, but refused to pose with her.

## Kwangtung Corruption Charges

SHIUKWAN, June 9 (Central News).—Suspected of speculation and corruption, Li Men-chen, Magistrate of Sunwu, has been detained by order of General Li Hsuehwan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. Li's arrest was effected by Mr Li Yu-kun, Special Commissioner of the First Administrative District, and he will shortly be brought here to face trial of his charge.

During the past several months, General Li has taken stern disciplinary measures against several magistrates who have been found guilty of corruption.

## H. K. S. R. A. CENTENARY To Be Celebrated In October

The Hongkong - Singapore Royal Artillery has now been in existence 100 years, and will celebrate its centenary, it is learned, some time in October.

The exact form of the celebration is not yet settled, but an announcement will be made in due course.

The corps originated in Hongkong in 1841, being then styled "The China Lascars." In 1881, a second company was raised, and ten years later the name was changed to Hongkong Asiatic Artillery. In 1898 the corps became the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery, with four companies in Hongkong and two in Singapore.

The present title, Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery, was authorised in 1934, the corps being recruited from Sikhs, Punjabi Muslims and Jats.

The corps is commanded by British officers of the Royal Artillery assisted by Indian officers holding the King's Commission.

## THAILAND WOULD BE NEUTRAL

BANGKOK, June 10 (Reuter).—Even if Japan entered the war, Thailand, as a neutral, will continue to carry on trade with all countries, stated the Premier at a special session of the Assembly convened to ratify the Thailand-French Indo-China peace treaty.

The Premier emphasised Thailand's pledge to Tokyo that she would not enter into any treaty detrimental to Japan and no new commitment beyond the already existing non-aggression pact with Indo-China.

The conflict cost Thailand 10,000,000 taels plus 6,000,000 taels compensation for public utilities in the ceded areas.

## LATE NEWS

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuter).—A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops, and a number of others have ceased to fight.

A military spokesman here revealed that since Sunday afternoon, the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

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### Making Progress

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter).—Progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond to general line inland is announced by a communiqué from British Middle East Headquarters this evening.

The communiqué states: "Penetration of the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later affected a crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra - Sheikh - Miskine-Quinetra."

### Vichy's Admission

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter).—The Vichy news agency states that Allied forces are advancing into Syria from three directions.

Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed. The third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and the Allied forces," the agency adds: "The British forces are, however, markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and ammunition but with food and fuel is practically impossible."

### Litani Crossed

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter).—The advance northward into Syria of the Allied forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received here.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle. Very few details are yet available here on the political aspect as to the French reaction, but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera through the difficult Jebel Druse country is also progressing satisfactorily. This area is mostly composed in the southeast of lava beds and transport must needs keep to the tracks. But the Jebel Druses have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quinetra, both 40 to 50 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—the most important centre in Syria. Sheikh-Makine is half way between them.

Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut and the Litani River is some ten miles to the north.

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## SYRIAN RESISTANCE WEAKENS: THOUSANDS JOIN DE GAULLE Allied Blitzkrieg Attains New Successes

### Nazi Pressure on Russia to Allow Transit of Troops and Materials

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, June 9 (UP).—Best informed diplomatic sources stated to-day that a large-scale movement of German troops was in progress northwards from the south Balkans. They declared that the Germans were now concentrating huge forces in Moldavia for the purpose of applying pressure to Russia to allow German troops to cross by land and sea from Constantinople to Baku, from where they would travel to Iran by train and truck, seizing British oil supplies, and invading Iraq thus outflanking Syria.

Diplomatic sources considered that it was certain the Germans would resume their pressure on Turkey to allow the passage of at least war materials to Syria, but it is not believed that the Nazis will push the issue as far as a conflict.

It is stated that British reconnaissance has ascertained the concentration of several hundred German planes at Rhodes, where a large number of troops is ready for air transport to Syria.

Special to the "Telegraph"  
CAIRO, June 9 (UP).—THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT RESISTANCE IN SYRIA TO THE ALLIED PENETRATION WILL NOT LAST VERY LONG AND THAT ALREADY THOUSANDS OF FRENCHMEN HAVE DEFECTED FROM GENERAL DENTZ'S ARMY.

Jerusalem Radio announced that the Allied advance in Syria is five-pronged. Some opposition has been met, but great numbers are joining the Allied forces. Near Ras Nakoura, some Frenchmen blow up the route. Many villages and towns have been occupied and the villagers have warmly welcomed the Allied troops.

London, quoting Radio Brazzaville, reported that 4,000 French joined the de Gaulleists yesterday, and that resistance is weakening. It would seem, stated the radio report, that the campaign will not last long.

### TURKISH FLEET ON MOVE

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, June 9 (UP).—With the news that the Syrian frontier had been crossed by Allied troops, the Turkish Fleet has started to take up advantageous positions, and carrying out very alert patrolling from the Bosphorus to the Dardanelles. Increased tension here in diplomatic quarters is very noticeable. Apparently the authorities are awaiting expected German thrusts.

### Allies Capture Three More Towns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 9 (UP).—

Three more Syrian towns have fallen into the hands of the Allied troops. Ezra, Sheik Miskin and Kuneitra may be regarded as being captured, states authoritative military quarters.

A General Headquarters communiqué issued in Cairo confirms this. This communiqué reads: "By this morning, our troops advanced beyond a general line running from Ezra to Sheik Miskin and Sheik Kuneitra."

This claim is supported by a Vichy communiqué, which reads: "On the coast at Rejon, southern Lebanon, British cavalry and armoured units were repulsed southward across the Litani river. Still fighting continues on a general line from Litani to Kuneitra and Sheik Miskin."

The communiqué stated that British planes continued to bomb the airfields at Hama, Aleppo and Damascus, as well as Port Merjoun.

### Arabs Marching

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CAIRO, June 9 (UP).—According to an Ankara report attributed to authoritative circles, a large Arab force, estimated at more than two divisions, under British command, is

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## Nazis May Start Offensive With 6,000,000 Troops

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, June 9 (Dome).—Though Germany's next military or political move continues to be shrouded in the deepest mystery, observers generally concede that an event of far-reaching importance, possibly involving the active use of the entire German Army numbering close on six million men might take place within a few weeks.

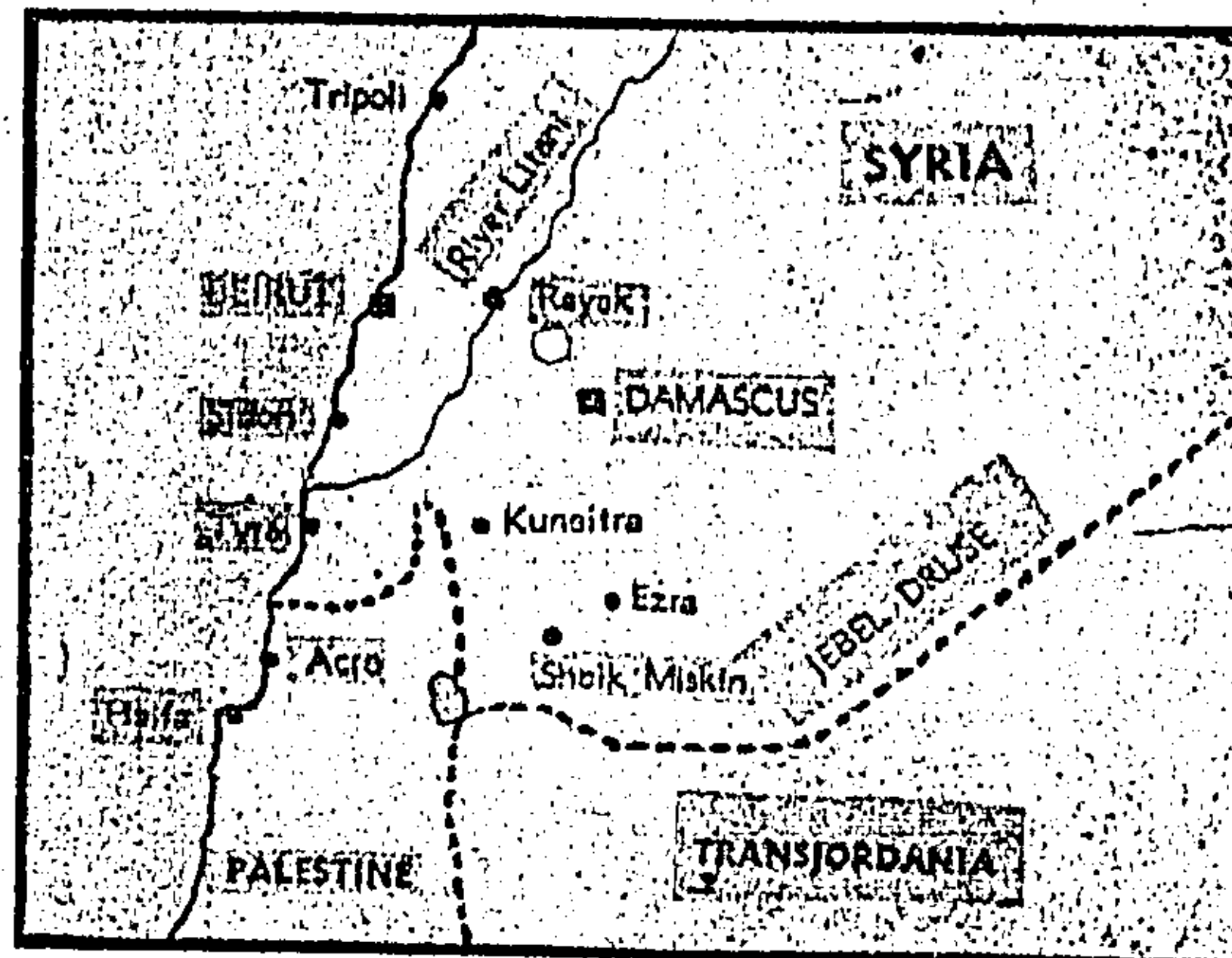
Observers point out the fact that the Hitler-Mussolini meeting on June 2 at the Brenner Pass lasted over five hours seems to support the belief that the impending move would far overshadow in scope any previous developments such as the invasion of Poland, France or the Balkans.

### Three Alternatives

Military experts believe that one of three possible moves may be the outcome of the Hitler-Mussolini

### The Syrian Battlefront

This map gives a general idea of the battlefront in Syria. The front extends in somewhat disjointed form from Tyre to Kuneitra, Sheik Miskin and on to Jebel Druse. From this front four columns are operating. Two are approaching Damascus from the south and southwest, another is advancing from the Jebel Druse area northwards, and another has crossed the River Litani, and is, presumably driving north and northwestward.



## Sea Invasion Of Syria By Huns Doomed To Fail

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, June 9 (UP).—Any seaborne German blitz on Syria will be doomed to failure, is the opinion of British and neutral observers who see but little chance for the "oddest fleet ever assembled for an invasion," which would involve traversing 400 miles of the "most dangerous sea in the world today."

That the East Mediterranean is not a converted lake with the capture of Crete, is demonstrated by the increasing list of marine disasters for Axis shipping.

The latest report says that the Bulgarian steamer Princess Marie Louise blew up off Piraeus last Thursday when she struck a mine, probably one of a number being constantly sown by the R.A.F.

Similarly, half dozen other sinkings occurred last week due to British mines, torpedoes and bombs causing the Germans to detail extra bombers to patrol what was thought to be a closed sea in an endeavour to chase out the Allied raiders and submarines who are interfering with preparations for the coming blitz.

### Diplomats Of Belgrade Released

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, June 9 (UP).—

Arrangements have been completed for Mr. Ronald Campbell, former British Minister to

Yugo-Slavia to leave for England on Wednesday night via Lisbon.

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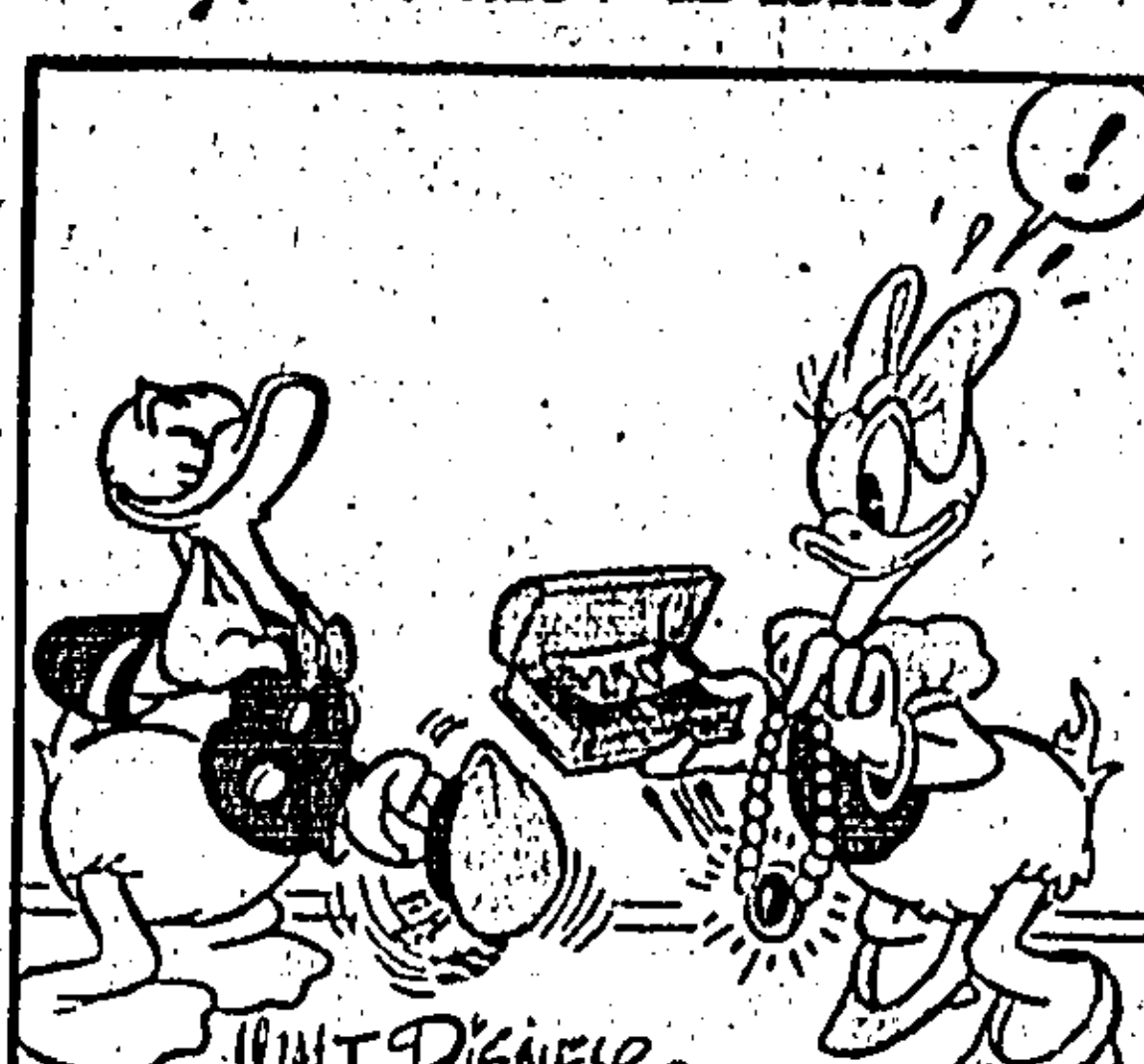
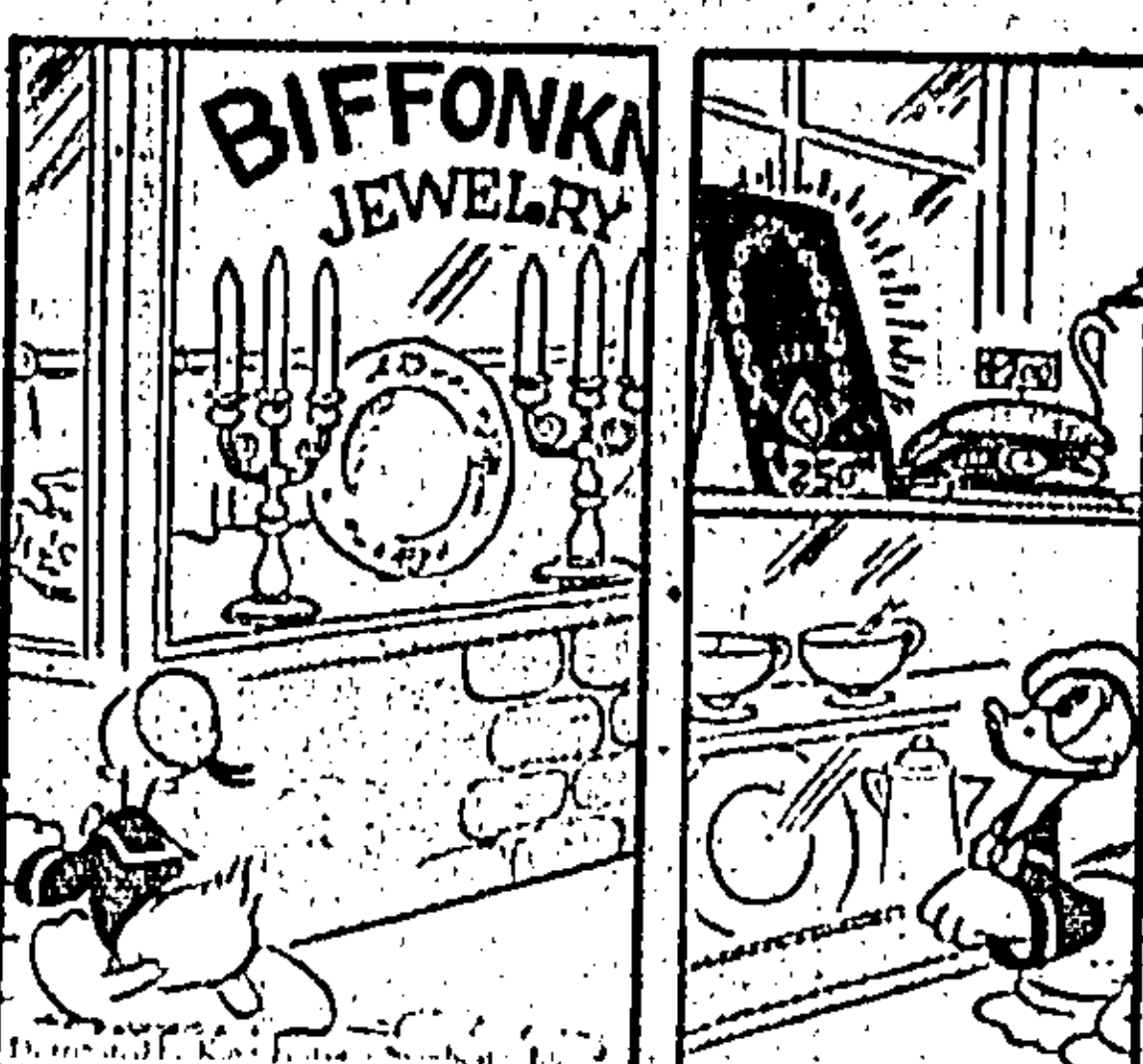
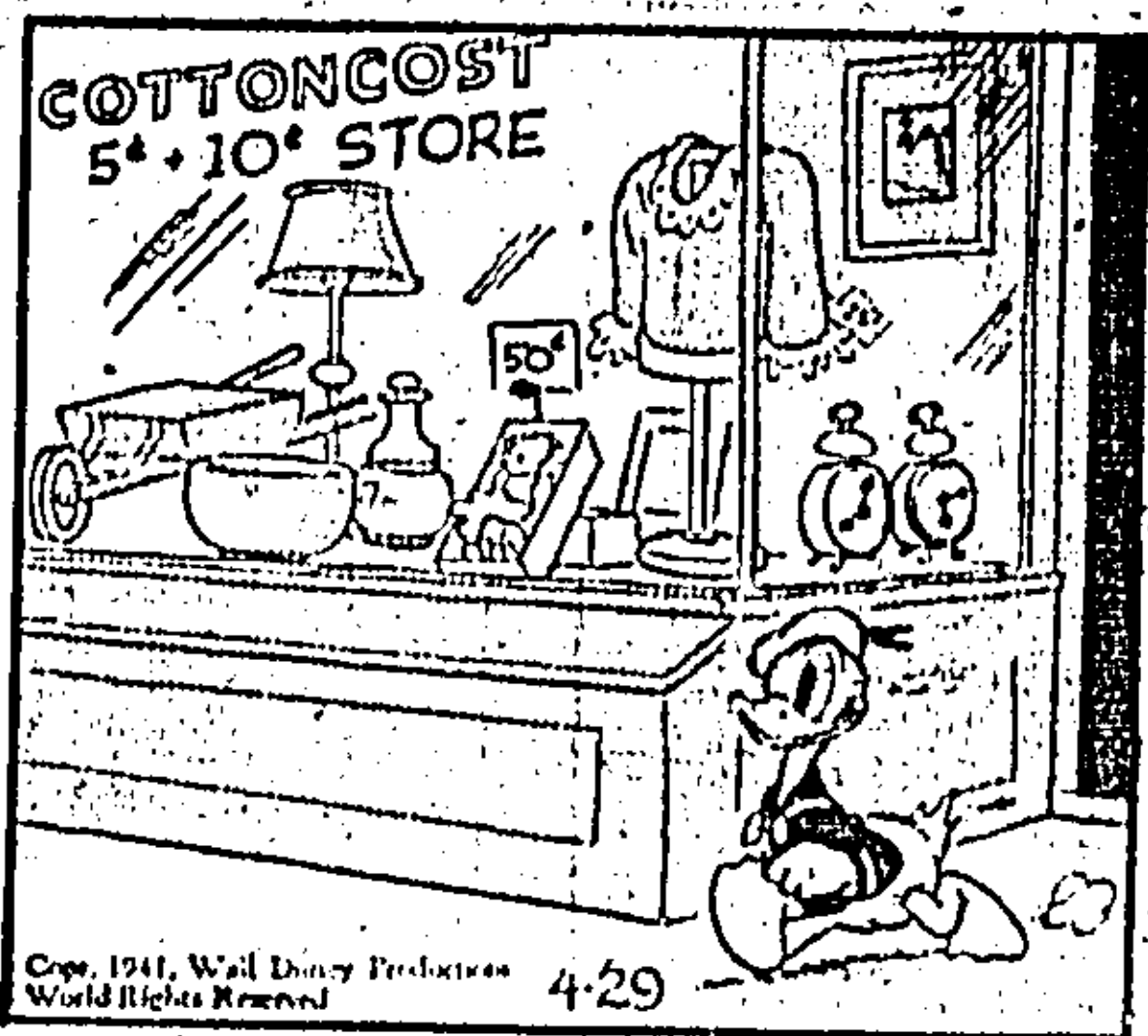
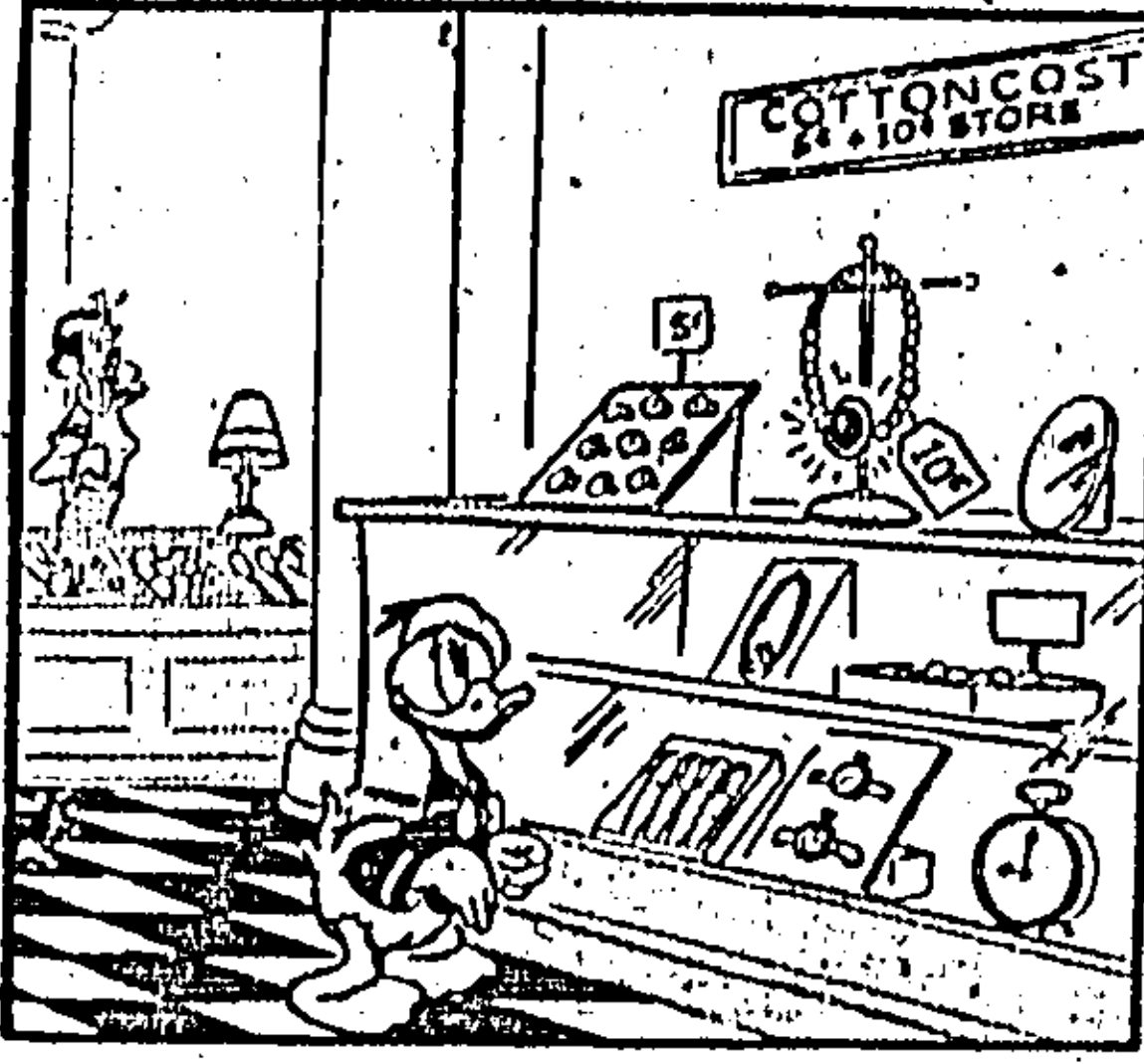
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How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

**Shrewd False-Carding**

I CANNOT warn players too emphatically against indiscriminate false-carding. The intelligent play orthodox semi-safely play of laying of cards is, in itself, a form of in-down the diamond ace, hoping to gauge. Obviously, it is one partner's get some information from the fall duty to "speak the truth" to the of cards that would point out the other. Most bridge lies (false cards) correct manner of drawing trumps, are more misleading to partner than West, of course, followed to the to opponents.

But, while false-carding should be confined to those rare situations in which it is not dangerous to "lie" to partner, it is a fact that a judicious false-card can be very baffling to the enemy. Consider the declarer's dilemma in the following hand:

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 6  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ Q 7 6 4  
♣ A K Q 2

♠ J 9 7 3  
♥ A 9 6 5  
♦ 2  
♣ 7 4 3

♠ 10 5 4 2  
♥ 4 3  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ 8 6 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass  
3♣ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♣ Pass 6♣ Pass  
6♣ Pass

After West had opened the ace of hearts and continued with the second round, declarer's only problem was to pick up the trumps without losing to the missing jack. Obviously, a 3-2 split would insure success, and, also obviously, the jack, even if it lay twice guarded, could be picked up if declarer could not trump contract against good defence. Opening lead, heart queen.

On winning the second trick with the heart king, declarer made the false-carding. The intelligent play of laying of cards is, in itself, a form of in-down the diamond ace, hoping to gauge. Obviously, it is one partner's get some information from the fall duty to "speak the truth" to the of cards that would point out the other. Most bridge lies (false cards) correct manner of drawing trumps, are more misleading to partner than West, of course, followed to the to opponents.

Had East automatically played his lowest trump, declarer's natural action would have been to lead the nine toward the queen. Had he done so, of course, the situation would have been revealed and the finesse to the enemy. Consider the declarer's dilemma in the following hand:

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

♠ 10 0 7  
♥ K 8 6 5  
♦ 0 7 5  
♣ K 10 3

♠ 5 4  
♥ Q J 10 7  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ 4 2

♠ Q 8 6 3  
♥ 2  
♦ A 10 6 4  
♣ J Q 6

♠ A K J  
♥ A 2  
♦ K J 3  
♣ A 8 7 5

How should South play his three trumps? Contract against good defence? Opening lead, heart queen.

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As told to Captain FRANK SHAW

I SUPPOSE I'm an average pilot, so my feelings in action may stand for the feelings of all my battling comrades.

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Every extraneous thought is clean wiped from your brain.

Your goal is a hundred miles: twenty minutes, or, with a following wind, even less than that; and for twenty minutes—a breath or a lifetime in an airman's existence—you have opportunity to test your armour; to try a few quick tricks, perhaps, to make sure the ship is as always—as ready to your hand, eye and heart, as a blood horse about to start for the Derby.

YOUR ground-crew have seen to details: your guns are serviced and ready; a touch on the button and the answering spatter assures you of that. Everything is smooth as silk under your hands.

You are subconsciously aware of a sense of unlimited power. You feel on a level with the gods—even superior to them, for you are modern and efficient; not overlaid with the dust and grime of futile ages.

You are a god! But you don't put that into words; the awareness simply flows through you with an odd, electric tingling that again communicates itself to your machine, giving it an increased roar of power, a thickened vibration, an eagerness that is like the straining of hounds on a leash.

But you don't think—until afterwards the swift impressions registered on your brain are developed, like a sensitised plate.

AIR-LIFE to-day is all anticipation and almost grudging retrospect. There is no present; because the present flows past you at three hundred miles an hour; to become a blurred past before you appreciate its existence.

If you have listened to a broadcast describing enemy savagery and atrocity, you probably start your patrol with a fury of hatred blazing inside you; an incoherent determination to square the deal with the murderous Hun.

You've heard of mutilated nurses shattered under the symbol of the once-sacred Red Cross; of old women butchered as they fled for the ditches of their wrecked villages. You've seen, with bleary, almost unregarding eyes, the severed limbs—yes, and heads—of children, littered ghastly among their torn toys.

You swear that, by God's avenging grace, you will treat any enemy you encounter in precisely that way; mangle him, showing



"You pour in a stream of death. It's him or you..."

no pity, no hint of mercy. But that is on the ground; these raging emotions are not your companions in the 'parted air.'

All you are conscious of is a strained desire to see what the sky would spout upon you. No high-falutin' heroisms! It is a "Job," to be done as efficiently and thoroughly as may be.

It is your work, for which you draw pay, for which painstaking specialists trained you through what seemed then to be tedious months.

YOU fretted then at comparative inaction; now you bless the thoughtful care that insisted on hard efficiency before entrusting you with a fighting job. And through the blur of unconscious thought, you see suddenly that here is what you came out to find—death or victory.

Hatred has fled; possibly—I've felt it—there is even a limp sympathy with what you intend shall be your victims—your bag, for the fact that you are wishful to slaughter fellow humans doesn't register in human terms. For all emotion to the contrary, these flickering glints around you might be partridges.

The fight itself is a series of flashes; none definitely registered at the moment, all taking orderly shape as your trained brain clears to accept individual facts.

A man is on your tail—and you spin around to give him the works. You manoeuvre without conscious volition, until you see him within range, your nose bearing fairly; you touch the button and give him the burst.

You follow the steam of death, pouring in another. It is your enemy or you.

A sitting impression—"She'll be sorry if—" then you choke with a red heat as you see you've killed him; a fighter.

He's down; diving like all hell, flaming smoke—there's a hint of a deathly stink that is as fleeting as a thought.

No time for thought—below is a clutch of bombers, intent on death. You dive eight thousand feet in a breathless plummet-sweep. You don't know you're doing it, except for the drumming of air-pressure in your ears. You use oxygen as a something within you, superior to your will, dictates.

You range for attack, and still you're not murderous, only a craftsman.

You cut a bomber clean in two; watch him down; you get on to another, destroy him.

The Dutch breaks formation, with every indication of panic.

YOU chase—you settle on a big fellow's tail; but it is the instinct of that careful training that directs your synchronized movements, not your sentient self. Your birds are led; but they work more slowly than your actions. You cannot distinguish details—the blur returns, you kill, you evade glare by side-slipping, or cloud-seeking, of a furious attack by enemy fighters; and you steady yourself to conserve your ammunition, because to race back for fresh

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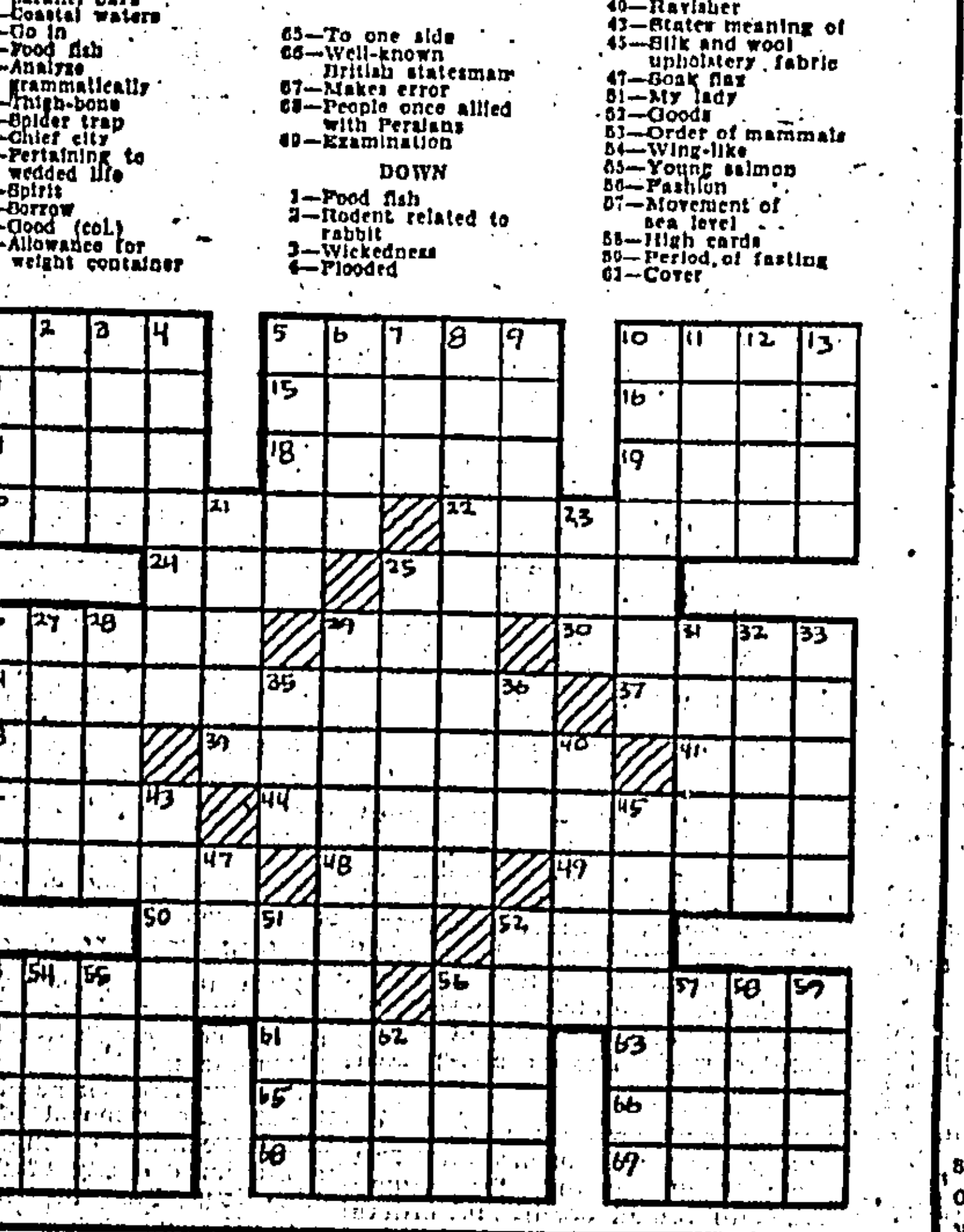
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Cause to bow out  
2—Cavalry weapon  
3—Wooded official  
4—Poverty  
5—Type of plant  
6—Used cooking  
7—Fortification  
8—Basketball term  
9—Decree  
10—Pierce dogs  
11—Perfume brand  
12—People recently subjugated by Nazis  
13—Tardier  
14—Title of respect  
15—Railway station  
16—Classical and literary  
17—Male in water  
18—Mythological bird  
19—Instrument for opening wound  
20—Bludge with care  
21—Filling of  
22—Wooded of  
23—Go in  
24—Food fish  
25—Railway station  
26—Grammatically  
27—Single trap  
28—Other all  
29—Pertaining to wedded life  
30—Burr  
31—Borrow  
32—Wood (col.)  
33—Allowance for weight container

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE  
1—WITHERS  
2—FRUIT DRINK  
3—OFFER  
4—WENT INTO DETAILS  
5—KIDNEY  
6—KIDNEY  
7—OF GREAT LENGTH  
8—DELICIOUS  
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"A gesture of old world courtesy, no doubt, but was it really necessary?"

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"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yes, Sir, and Rose's has still further virtues. It is justly renowned for exhilarating the after-effects of alcohol, vulgarly known as mornings after."

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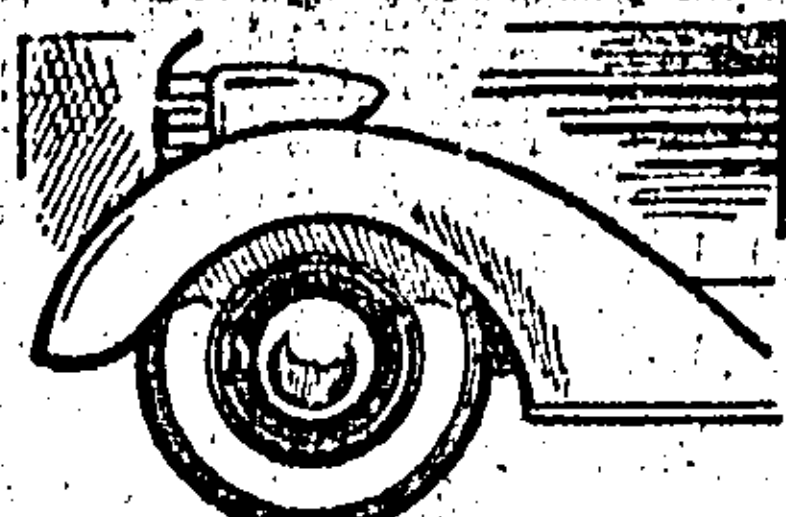
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"Are we lucky, Mom! Otis Wilton's dog had six pups and his mother only let him keep one, so she gave me the other five!"

## Hitler Pounds At the Gates Of Araby

Interesting observations on the war operations and potentials in the Middle East by one of the most widely respected American political correspondents. Mrs McCormick acted as European correspondent for the "New York Times" for many years, and is an authority on European affairs.

By Anne O'Hare McCormick

"The Oriental is a very old Arab. While the pipe line from the Kirkuk oil fields to the port of Haifa is reported cut, the Premier who headed the State before Rashid Ali's coup d'etat has issued a manifesto in the name of the six-year-old King calling for a cessation of hostilities and a return to constitutional government.

### Important Factor

If the call is heeded it will be more important than a temporary stoppage in the flow of oil or the result of the fighting between the British troops and Rashid Ali's men. It will mean that the pro-German politicians can get no direct military help from Germany in time to save themselves, and that the signal for an Arab rising has met no response in the neighbouring States.

And this would imply something very significant. In villages and camps scattered from Alexandria to the Gulf of Aden are something like 40,000,000 Arabs. Although they have known many rulers, and disliked most of them, they have never experienced German rule. They are impressed by force, they have lost the little economic security they once had, they have been saturated with Nazi and Fascist propaganda. With standards and preconceptions different from ours, they have been watching and weighing Hitler and his conquests. Led by little cliques of jealous tribesmen, what they do will represent the guess of these primitive politicians on the outcome of this struggle.

### Ancient Roots

Sooner or later, it was inevitable that this conflict should spread to that subcontinent which lies between the Black Sea and the Red. There the human story began, on the gray plains of Asia Minor, in the Valley of the Euphrates, in the waste lands beyond the Jordan, and the apocalyptic struggle for power was bound at last to shake not only the Western world, the edifice of industrial civilisation, but the ancient roots whence stems the tangled history of man. At some point the battle had to return to the original field of Armageddon. Not only the Balkan peninsula and the Iberian peninsula but the Arabian peninsula had to choose between Hitler and the alternative of Hitler.

So far the fight going on in Iraq seems to be a local engagement. It is spreading within the Iraqi borders, and a few vague incidents have occurred in Syria and Palestine, but there is nothing to indicate any general movement among the

### Clue to Policy

The answer to that question would be a clue to British policy since the war started. The next centres in the Arab world, in so far as there is any primacy among the disparate tribes and kingdoms of this incoherent people, is the leader. Ibn Saud is supposed to be a friend of the British, and if he takes sides in an Arab showdown, his influence will be very great.

The answer to the third question lies hidden in the cautious mind of Ismet Inonu, Premier and virtual dictator of Turkey. Supposing that the time is past when the Turks might have helped the British, what is their policy toward their former subjects and their alliance with Iran and Afghanistan? By abolishing the caliphate and the symbolic fez and yashmak, Turkey gave up the leadership of Islam, but can she remain passive to the threat of German domination of the Arab world?

There is also a fourth question, brought to the fore by reports that Washington is working out a plan to send food shipments to Algiers and Morocco, with the object of stiffening General Weygand in holding out against Nazi pressure. This is also a sign that the hungry Arabs under French rule are restive. A trade programme worked out between the United States and French North Africa after the fall of France might have saved the situation. It may even yet, but Hitler is already at the gate of the Arab peninsula, and the question he provokes sounds like the stroke of a clock showing how late the hour is and how narrow is a world in which we live next door to the Arabs.

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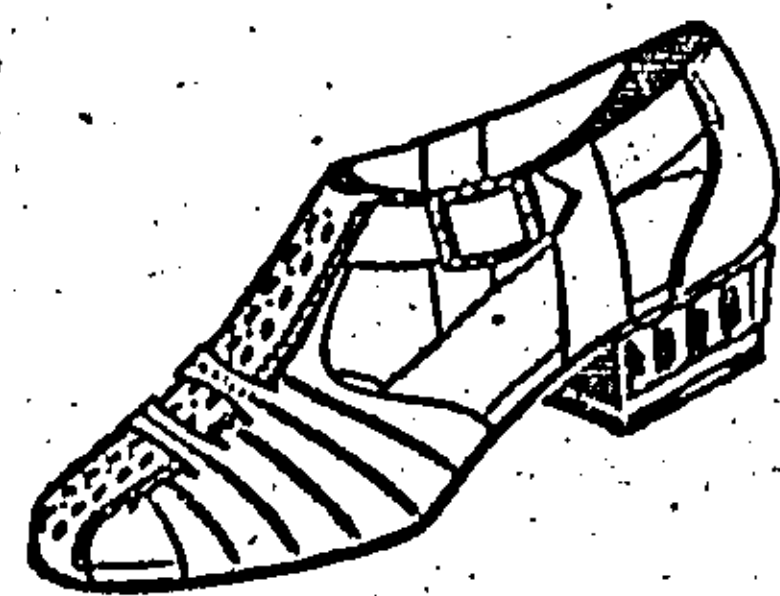
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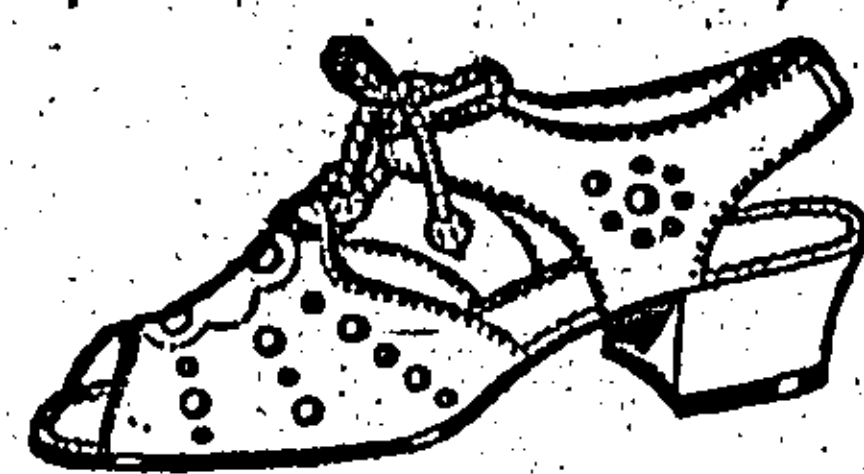
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### WARRIOR WOMEN

PUBLIC sentiment will warmly welcome the generous tribute which Mr Winant, the United States Ambassador, paid recently to the part which the women of Britain are playing in the national war effort. What has impressed him, he testifies, as much as anything since he arrived in England, is that this is a woman's war more than any other in history. It is true. Not only are women engaged in all the active services and in all the industries, but they are, by their indomitable spirit, their uncomplaining fortitude, and their unsparing acceptance of grievous burdens, aiding incalculably to maintain the national morale at the sticking place. Mr Winant has seen the bombed areas, and noted how the mothers and home makers there have faced unmerciful disaster, and shown, not less than their men in the fighting Services, the staying-power of their race.

Women are being confronted with dangers and sacrifices which have never before presented themselves in the same form and in the same degree; and they have risen nobly to the height of the grim emergency. If they had flinched or failed, no valour, however shining, could have availed to hold the front. As the struggle goes on more and more is demanded of the country's women-kind; and whatever is demanded is being given. Mr Winant bids his own countrywomen, whom he was directly addressing, to make it their duty to interpret to the women of America the place in the war that is held by the women of Britain. No better service could be rendered or more richly deserved.—L.P.T.

### Fragrant Garden Of Memory

All the year-round flowering shrubs are to be the garden-loving Dame Margaret Lloyd George's living memorial in the gardens of her home, Brynawelon, Cricieth. The shrubs are to be planted in a garden of remembrance which Mr Lloyd George had ordered to be designed. It is to have an iron gate bearing the letter "M."

### Free France Marches with Britain

## Rallied Colonies

FREE FRENCH FORCES are now side by side with their British comrades in arms in Syria. It cannot be doubted which way lie the sympathies of the greater part of the population of this mandated territory. Neutral observers in the Middle East have during the past few months reported that Nazis and Nazi methods are decidedly unpopular there, and the desertions by French and colonial troops, who crossed into Palestine to join the Allies, are proof of some of their statements.

This new stroke places the colonies which have rallied to the call of Free France in important perspective, and it will be interesting to look at their position.

The Free French colonies represent a territory six times the size of France and one-seventh of her population. They comprise the New Hebrides, Chad, the French Cameroons, Ubangi-Shari, Middle Congo, the French Establishments in India, New Caledonia and Gabon.

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THE AFRICAN GROUP OF COLONIES, situated halfway between the Cape and Dakar, presents on the Atlantic Ocean a coastline of 1,000 kilometres where there are a number of modern ports with good facilities.

The group of colonies constituting French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons binds together British West Africa and East Africa, forming a block right across the continent from the Red Sea to the Atlantic.

It is evident that apart from the actual support which the Free French equatorial empire can contribute to the Allied war effort by the virtue of its resources, Germany now finds herself deprived of certain products of which her industry was in great need.

Special mention should be made of New Caledonia and the nickel, lead, chromium and iron ore which she exports to the British Empire. Gabon sends woods which are used in the construction of aeroplanes, and Chad sends cotton. Plumbago and wolfram are obtained from the Cameroons, as well as iron and mica.

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TO GOVERN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS VAST TERRITORY, a central organisation called the "Council of the Free French Empire" was created in October 1940 at Brazzaville by General de Gaulle. The Council, which was officially recognised by the British Government in January, consists of the commanders-in-chief of the Free French Forces, the Governors of the most important colonies and also of persons representing those moral values which found their expression in the Free French movement.

### How Britain Is Adding To Her Merchant Fleet Ships From Factories

By A Shipping Correspondent

Taking a leaf from the Book during the slump of a decade ago of Father Noah, British ship-builders are about to fabricate New Yards For Old.

This they are doing with not only of factory facilities at present engaged on work of less importance, but also of original Ark, namely, to make a secure against disaster all manner of men and beasts.

The British Admiralty, in short, as part of its gigantic war-time shipbuilding programme, has decided to adopt "pre-fabrication" methods in the building of merchant ships. This means that the vessels will be built in sections at ordinary steelworks inland, and thence transported to assembly yards on the coast or on the great rivers.

Several of Britain's largest steel constructional firms, whose normal work includes the building of bridges, viaducts, large cent of that adopted during the buildings, and so on, are taking last war, when similar mass-production methods were used.

It is anticipated that it will be possible to deal with at least one-third of the components of each ship outside the usual shipbuilding centres. The work of assembly, moreover, will be carried out at shipyards dismantled was not in the least "jerry-

built" or unseaworthy, as the conservatively minded had predicted.

As evidence of this it may be pointed out that the "Standard A" and "Standard B" ships built in Britain more than twenty years ago are still in service, and change hands, when they come on the market, which is seldom, at high prices.

### 'Series' Shipbuilding

Since these days, of course, a great deal of experience has been gained with standardised shipbuilding. Although the mass-production methods of the last war were not continued under normal conditions, recent years have seen the growth of what might be called "series" shipbuilding, whereby a design of vessel, proved to be efficient for a particular trade has been repeated many times.

This tendency towards the economy of standardisation first showed itself during the slump when, with vacant berths and orders few and far between, certain shipbuilders worked out designs for handy, economical ships and laid them down "on spec," that is, in the hope of finding a buyer before the ships were completed.

Despite bad times, then prevailing for shipping, these vessels were mapped out readily, and when times improved some of these early, specially designed vessels, the basis of many of the ships turned out by



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# Colony Champions Out To Retain League Pennant

## Mindanao Moundsman's Masterful Hurling

### SAPPERS SURPRISE S. CHINA

By Ball Fan

Marking up another milestone in the annals of local baseball opening day "gala affairs," the Hongkong seven team major ball loop inaugurated their new Chatham Road ball park Saturday afternoon as Governor Northcote throw out the first ball to start the season winging on its way, before a sell-out crowd of rabid ball fans.

In a perfect setting of real baseball weather, Mindanao's terrific M, gunning for their second straight pennant, started on the upward road to Flagville with a sensational 7-6 "Merriwell" win over H.B.'s powerful beer-makers.

MANAGER Bill Woods' Asheville southerners opened up the two game Sabbath programme with their initial triumph of the season, setting the marauding Mohawks down with a 6-4 count. It was the Tennessee-seamen's first victory since their appearance on a local ball diamond this year.

Royal Engineers started the campaign in big time fashion, taking a 9-5 surprise win from South China's weak-willowed red and blue men.

BEHIND the masterful hurling of Ski Powlawski, and the terrific clouting of Tony Muscavage and the fleet-footed Willie Wilson, the Colony champions looked every inch the ball team that will, once again, be in there at the final stretch bid.

Going into the final stanza on the short end of a 6-5 score, after six roaring, innings which had the fans figuring out that "one-up, one-down" jig-saw, the defending champions broke out with a vengeance as whipper Willie Wilson opened the inning with a clean single to centrefield, teasing into second on his fourth steal of the day. George Sousa's bad error off Ski Powlawski's infield hit put the tying and winning runs on the bags, giving manager Ival Goodman's fans that "perfect setting" atmosphere. "Typhoon" Tony Mus-



M. Arculli pitching for the Brewers against the Mindanao. Ming Yuen.

cavage brought in the tying run with a long sacrifice hit to deep centre, while left fielder Robert Woodrow Wilson's climax bingle sent the hard-playing "Ski" sliding across the pun with the old ball game in the well-known bag.

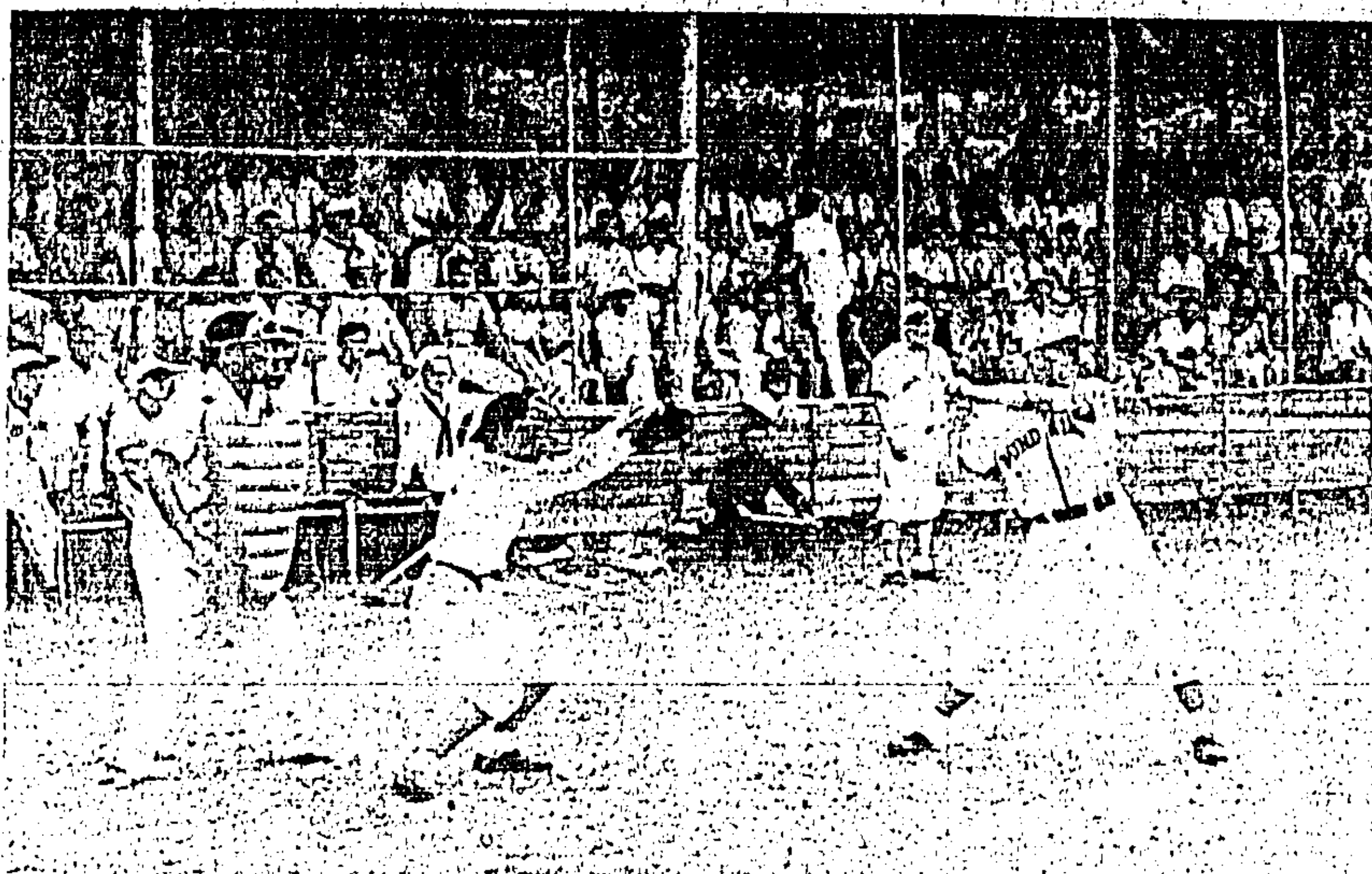
The Brewers made their last desperate bid for victory in the 6th inning on a "do or die" attack after two Beermen were put away when pinch hitter Joe Bowen's striding double to right brought in Stan Leonard, and Obeir Arculli's clean bingle over second sending big Joe across the plate.

The terrific M dished in with rare mid-season form, with the rookies bearing down in starchy debut style behind the steady influence of last year's veterans.

Highlight of the seven-run Mindanao attack was Tony Muscavage's hustling homer in the 5th stanza which carried in Crooner Ruel who had made first on a fielder's choice. The peppery Tony played dazzling red-hot ball behind the plate and was the big bright spark which set the pennant holders off in a slowing, opening victory.

Fireballer Ski Powlawski let the powerful Brewers down with five scattered hits, sending six back to the bench via the whiff route. His smoke ball was breaking across the plate with clock-like precision. There isn't any doubt about the fact that the "Ski" is headed for his best season yet.

The Beermen displayed plenty of class out there in this "all important" 11th, but were hitting up against a team that were playing



#### Major Baseball

### NO AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES ON SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, June 9 (UP).—No American League games were on schedule to-day. In the National circuit, Chicago Cubs ran riot against Boston Braves and chalked up 13 runs to the Bees' six. Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	Boston	13	21	1
Batteries: Root, Scheffing.	Batteries: Early, Lamanna, Tobin, Sullivan and Masl.	6	14	1
Cincinnati	Brooklyn	9	10	1
Batteries: Thompson, Moore, Begg, E. Riddle, Lombard.	Batteries: Casey, Davis, Swift, Hildegar.	7	12	1
Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	5	9	0
Batteries: Wilkie, Lopes.	Batteries: Grissom, Crouch, Horner.	0	6	2
St. Louis	Washington	5	12	3
Batteries: Gumbert, Mancuso.	Batteries: Carpenter, W. Brown, Hartnett.	2	4	0

#### League Tennis

### South China Beat University In "A" Division

SOUTH CHINA A.A. beat the University 6-3 in the only "A" Division tennis match played at Pokfulam yesterday. H. P. Ong and George Choa were the most successful pair for the Varsity, winning two of their three games. South China's players were evenly paired and each won two games. Hsu and A. Chan succeeded where their team-mates had failed—against Ong and Choa.

Weak link of the Undergraduates' team were S. H. Ling and A. L. Tsai, losing all three games.

Scores were: S. H. Ling and A. L. Tsai lost to S. Bick and R. E. Liu 4-6; lost to F. N. Wong and Sam Kwan 0-6; lost to I. Hsu and A. Chan 3-6.

T. T. Lim and S. Wong lost to Bick and Hsu 1-6; lost to Wong and Kwan 4-6; lost to H. P. Ong and G. Choa beat Bick and Liu 6-4; beat Wong and Kwan 6-4; lost to Hsu and Chan 2-6.

**Kowloon C. C. Team**

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. Club in their "B" Division League match against South China Athletic Association at Kowloon Cricket Club to-day: A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; N. A. Mackay and F. Koppelbacker; F. Zimmerman and D. Hazell.

### Handicaps For Macao Races On June 15

Following are the handicaps allotted to some of the ponies entered for the June meeting of the Macao Jockey Club on June 15:

The Canberra Handicap. Six furlongs. Australian Ponies.—A. Good Time 125, National Victory 120, Angel of Glory 152, Tobacchop 144, Annabella 138, Odin 142, Cockle 147, Ozark 142, Double Finesse 108, Winnie 145, John 150.

The Hobart Handicap. Six furlongs. Novice Jockeys. Australian "B" Class.—Beaufort 130, Dick Turpin 142, Blue Cowen 139, High Hat 137, Boneshaker 142, Rising Star 140, Buckle 142, Subpoena 142.

The Leppa Handicap. Six furlongs. China Ponies "C" Class.—Blue Diamond 140, Night Express 140, Blue Field 152, Odessa 152, Golden Bay 147, Ocean Zephyr 142, Jennifer 138, Scorching Through 147, Lancashire Lass 145.

The Ma Kok Handicap. (First Section). Six furlongs. China Ponies "B" Class.—Black Diamond 138, National Success 152, Gordie 140, Plot Helm 150, King's Worthy 150, Radium Star 143, King's Adventure 140, Sports Venture 135.

The Stewards' Cup. Six furlongs. China Ponies "D" Class.—Boat Day 140, Portrush 140, Eve of Hunting 150, Royal Highness 135, Golden Cow 148, Sunlight View 135, Guinness Time 140, West Lake 140, Lovely Star 150.

The Ma Kok Handicap. (Second Section). Novice Jockeys. Special. Six furlongs. China Ponies.—New Bedford 139, Hopeful Time 137, The Metweld 140, National Anthem 140, The Spirit of St. Louis 140, National Liberty 108, Victory Life 138.

Tony Mascavage batting for the Mindanao in the opening match of the Baseball season against the H.K. Brewery on Saturday. Obeir Arculli catching with Gandpa Loung umpiring.—Ming Yuen.

#### Golf

### Masters' Champion Wins U.S. Open Title Brilliant Play By Craig Wood

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter).—Craig Wood, winner of the recent Augusta Masters Tournament, to-day won the American Open golf championship at Fort Worth, Texas, with scores of 73, 71, 70 and 70=284, beating Densmore Shute, who was second with 287.

Johnny Bulla and Ben Hogan were third with 289.

### Warmerdam Sets Pole Vault Record

CALIFORNIA, June 9 (Reuter).—Cornelius Warmerdam attained a new world pole vault record by clearing the bar at 15 ft. 5 1/2 in. Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft. Warmerdam has several times exceeded that height.

### Planning Next Year's Soccer At Home

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The Football League's annual meeting was held to-day at Nottingham and it was decided there will be a combined League Cup competition, but with the important proviso that the League Committee, and not the Clubs, make out the fixtures. The original intention had been for the Clubs to make their own fixtures.

#### Scoring Basis

The Committee will decide on bases for the games, points, goal average or percentage. After ten games the top 32 Clubs qualify for the Cup proper.

Early games may delay County and local Cup competitions, and London Clubs are thinking that the new arrangement may prevent their own Cup competition from being played.

### PERRY WINS ROUND ROBIN TOURNEY TO AID WAR RELIEF

FOREST HILLS, June 9 (Reuter).—Fred Perry, winner of the recent American professional tennis championship, won a round robin tournament to-day for British war relief, being unbeaten in the series. Perry and Budge were unbeaten in the doubles. W. T. Tilden also took part. Sir Gerald Campbell, the guest of honour, thanked the American players and clubs for their help, remarking that it was a pity there was now a large crater in the middle of the centre court at Wimbledon but would soon be levelled and we would be able to turn our heads backwards without wondering whether the Gestapo was listening. The Lord Mayor of London also telegraphed his thanks. Budge was not in his best form. The intense heat aggravating the nasal trouble for which he recently underwent an operation.

### South China Win Again

IPOH, June 9.—South China beat the Malayan Combined Chinese 3-0. Lee Wal-bog scored one goal and Lee Tak-keo two.

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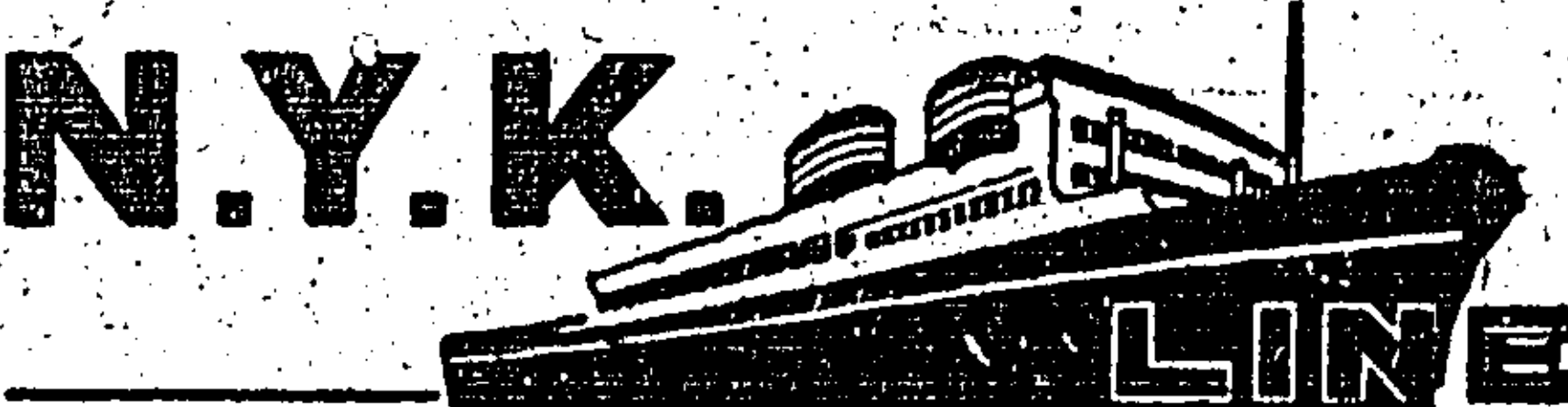
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## Explosion Slaughters Magyars

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BUDAPEST, June 9 (UP).—The Hungarian press to-day reported that approximately 5,000 persons were killed or wounded in the explosion of 90 wagons loaded with ammunition at the old Smederovo Fortress near Belgrade on Thursday.

## Destitute Seamen In Court

Reginald Bernard Pitt, 24, unemployed seaman, of Ireland, and August Stefanovsky, 30, unemployed fireman, of Poland, were separately charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with vagrancy.

Sergeant G. F. Youse stated that Pitt was an ex-member of the crew of a British ship. Sometime ago he was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and was only released recently. Pitt had no means of making a living and nobody to support him in the Colony.

The Sergeant added that Stefanovsky was a fireman on board a Greek ship and he was now unemployed. Pitt was committed to the House of Detention pending further arrangement, while Stefanovsky was ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

## Profiteer Punished

Luk Hon-ikwong, 30, master of the Yuen Lee Firewood Shop, of Lot No. 154 Prince Edward Road, was fined \$100 or one month's hard labour by Mr. D. J. Sloss, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for selling firewood at a price in excess of that fixed by the Controller of Trade, on June 9.

It was stated that Defendant sold \$3 worth of firewood to Yau Kui, married woman, at 30 cents per dollar. Complainant reported the matter to the Police.

Sub-Inspector Collins prosecuted.

## CHINESE ARE CLOSING IN ON FOCHOW

KUTEN, June 9 (Central News).—Tightening their ring around Fochow, Chinese forces are rapidly converging on the city from different directions with the forward units fast approaching the outskirts.

Under Chinese pressure, the Japanese on the left bank of the Min River have been forced to retreat to the Tungchow-Shanghaio-Kuanli line west of Fochow.

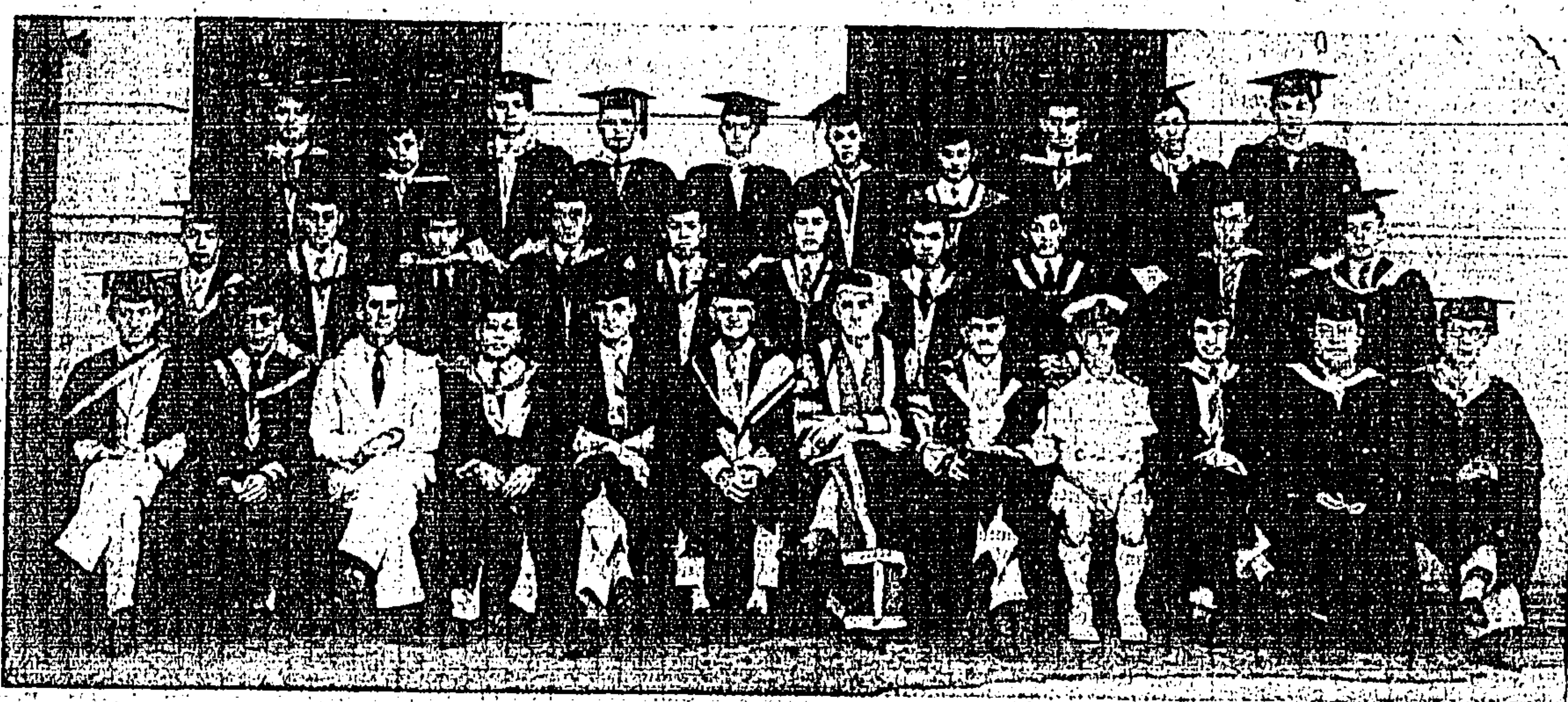
Chinese troops advancing eastward fought the Japanese in serious battles in the hills, regions of Kiangsu during the past few days resulting in over 1,000 casualties. Yesterday, Chinese pursuit columns, assisted by local militia, again engaged the Japanese in severe fighting and inflicted another some 500 losses.

**Near Nanking**  
SOUTH ANHWEI, June 9 (Central News).—Japanese communications on the southern Kiangsu-Anhwei border are being disrupted due to Chinese sabotage activities.

On the night of June 4, a Chinese raiding party from Tangtu attacked the Nanking-Wuhu Railway, destroying many sections of the line, and also felled hundreds of telegraph poles between Tangtu and Wuhu. The Chinese retired safely to their base before dawn after completing their mission.

## Espionage Suspicions Against Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LOS ANGELES, June 9 (UP).—The Federal authorities to-day arrested and charged with obtaining information regarding national defenses for the probable benefit of a foreign nation, Torachichi Kono, 55, of Hollywood; Tatsuo Tulliana, 39, and L. B. Blake. Kono claimed that he had been a chauffeur for Charlie Chaplin. Tulliana stated that he had been a registered agent of the Japanese Government for two years and was a student at the University of Southern California.



Engineering and science graduates of the Hongkong University who received their degrees recently are seen in the above picture. Seated in centre (reading fourth from left) are Mr S. V. Boxer, Registrar, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Mr D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. W. Brown, Dean of the Faculty of Science. (Photo: A. Fong).

## Ousting Westerners From China Openly Admitted As Japan's Aim

Open-admission that Japan aims at the complete eradication of Western influence from China and the employment of the Chinese as servants of the Japanese conquerors in further moves directed toward southern Asia is contained in an article written for the Tokyo newspaper "Yomiuri" by Toshio Shiratori, adviser to the Foreign Office, reports the Tokyo correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

"In the present China Affair, Japan has not frankly stated her true mind to the world as yet," Mr. Shiratori says. "Had she declared at the outset that Japan's object was to save China from the encroachment of the Whites... it would have produced good results."

"Japan's programme has been extended in scope. The original East Asian 'new order' has become converted into the Greater East Asian new order while the Japan-Manchukuo-China bloc has become enlarged into the Greater East Asian Common Prosperity Sphere within which lies the extensive area of Southeast Asia."

"The main objective has changed from the emancipation of China into the emancipation of Asia; the aim, now, is to restore Asia to the Asiatics. As a matter of fact, Japan, with her poor natural resources, could not be indifferent to China's resources. China may be lacking in material supplies but she is blessed with ample human resources."

**"Absolute Necessity"**  
"Although for diplomatic reasons she (Japan) could not say so," Mr. Shiratori goes on, "her object has been to drive the improper influences and intrigues of the White races out of China. From the point of view of Japan whose mind is set on Southward development the emancipation of China is a matter of absolute necessity."

Mr. Shiratori is one of the leading anti-Democratic voices in Japan and one of the most outspoken foes of America and Great Britain. He is a former Ambassador to Italy and an ardent supporter of the Axis Pact.

During the spring and summer of 1930 when he was in Rome he and Ambassador Oshima in Berlin did everything in their power to secure Japan's adherence to a Tri-Power military alliance with Germany and Italy. It was freely reported, in fact, that he had proceeded far beyond the authority given him in making commitments tying Japan to the dictator nations.

**Cabinet Wavered**  
Mr. Shiratori and General Oshima were so insistent in urging Japan's adherence to the agreement in which they had the full support of the Japanese Army that the Cabinet wavered several times. Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, then Naval Minister, and later Premier, stood firm against any such agreement, however, and refused to consider the possibility of the Japanese Fleet becoming a weapon of the Berlin-Rome Axis. Following the signature of the German-Soviet agreement that August which led to the European war the Japanese Cabinet resigned and Mr. Shiratori and Gen. Oshima were promptly recalled. Gen. Oshima has now been sent back to his Berlin post, following last September's admission of Japan to the Pact and Mr. Shiratori holds an advisory post in the Foreign Office.

## NEW PNEUMONIA TREATMENT

Pittsburgh, June 9 (UP).—A new treatment for pneumonia, as efficacious as the "wonder drug" sulfa-pyridine, was reported recently by Dr. E. R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute.

The new treatment, using hydroxyethylapocupreine, dubbed "71" for daily use, has been used in clinical study in Pittsburgh for five years. Dr. Weidlein revealed in his 28th annual report. During that period, Dr. Weidlein said, its effects have been as favourable as treatment with sulfa-pyridine.

"In a series of cases of pneumonia treated during 1935-40," the report said, "there was found practically an equal mortality in the treatment with hydroxyethylapocupreine and with sulfa-pyridine."

The report also stated that sulfa-pyridine, an improvement on sulfanilamide, had been found efficacious in 431 cases of varied infections including pneumonia and the common cold.

**Teeth Cavities**  
Among other work carried on by the Institute, the Nutrition Fellowship of the Buhl Foundation reported at the end of its five-year programme of fundamental research at the Institute that experiments with rats indicated that teeth cavities can be prevented if fluorides are included in the diet.

Other research concerned standards for surgical dressings and for gut and silk sutures; improved methods of manufacturing crucibles; and evolving of an entirely new ceramic body possessing properties required for table-top service.

## AFTER SKINS OF SEALS

The motorship, Penguin, of the U.S. Fisheries and wild life service set sail recently to aid in the collection of the annual dividends in pelts from the Pribiloff Islands' fur seal rookeries.

Last year 65,000 skins worth nearly \$1,000,000 were taken.

The craft, which operates for the fur seal division of the service, will take up supplies for the residents of the islands and its passengers 15 men from the Foulke Fur Company of St. Louis besides several employees who are going North for the season, according to E. C. Johnston, in charge.

### Start This Month

Killing will start about mid-June and the expert fur dressers will then start their work of dressing, dyeing and otherwise preparing the pelts for the market.

Three-year-old "bachelor" seals only are killed and a larger number than last season is expected. As in former years, it is expected that a navy transport will be sent North this summer with winter supplies for the Pribiloffs and to bring back the seal skins.

The skins are sold at auction at St. Louis and the proceeds divided among the three countries, United States, Great Britain and Japan. The two latter countries take 15 per cent. each and the United States 70 per cent.

### Japan's Seals

Japan, which also looks after seal rookeries in her own section of the globe, makes a similar division with the United States and Great Britain, taking 30 per cent. between them, and Japan the balance.

Although Japan recently abrogated the treaty, the year's notice period has not yet expired. Besides the pelts, valuable by-products in the shape of oil and meal are produced from the carcasses.

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## Nazis Were Buying Up Our Money

German soldiers were so certain last September that they would invade and capture Britain that Nazi guards at prison camps were eager to exchange German marks for English money belonging to the prisoners.

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This was revealed by 53-year-old Private Thomas Dunkley, of the Pioneer Corps, who has returned to his home at Southport, after being repatriated from a German prison camp in Occupied France owing to ill-health.

When France collapsed Private Dunkley and an officer dodged the Nazis for nine days until they were captured near the Swiss frontier.

They were taken to a camp where there were thousands of prisoners of all nationalities. Food and water were always short.

**Lack Of Food**  
Dunkley said: "The Germans made us work hard, but we could not keep it up because we did not get sufficient food. It was a hell of a job to exist."

Lack of food undermined his health, and he was sent to hospital. Then on November 6 he was told he could go home. After a spell in hospital at Lyons, he reached Marseilles with two other Englishmen.

There he was interned until February 24, in a fortress occupied by the French Foreign Legion, despite the fact that his papers were in order.

**Christmas Treat**

"At Christmas British subjects still in Marseilles gave us a grand dinner of turkey and Christmas pudding—the first square meal we had had in six months," Dunkley said.

He added that German prison guards treated the prisoners fairly well, but "put them through it" after returning from leave and viewing the damage done in their home towns by the R.A.F.

## NEWSPAPERS OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 9 (Central News)—Newspaper circulation in the United States is now over 62,000,000, which is the largest figure ever reached. The average American family now spends nearly U.S.\$10 a year for newspapers.

Daily newspapers in the United States have increased their average circulation three-fold in 40 years from 7,000 per paper to 21,000.

## Indo-China Re-opens Mekong River

HANOI, June 9 (Reuters)—The steamship service on the Mekong River, suspended since the outbreak of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, will be re-opened on June 10, it is officially announced.

Simultaneously a Government-subsidised line between Savannakhet and Hanoi on the upper reaches of the Mekong will be inaugurated.

## LATE NEWS

**STOCK MARKET REPORT**  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:  
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## CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH WOUNDING

Police Constable B27, Amar Singh, 29, was charged before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with wounding and maliciously wounding. Amar Singh at Kowloon on June 8.

On the application of Chief Inspector A. E. Carey Defendant was remanded for a week.

## Rapprochement In Far East Still Remote

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, June 10 (UP)—The recent substantial shipments of United States war materials to Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies and China, the dispatch of a United States air mission to Chungking, the possible loan of United States pilots for training purposes, and Mr Hull's statements that the United States has not altered its attitude towards the Pacific, have convinced observers here that a Japanese-American rapprochement is far distant although they are generally agreed that Britain would probably welcome any Pacific appeasement in order to concentrate United States attention on Europe.

Peace in the Pacific is further endangered by the refusal of the Dutch East Indies to accede to the Japanese economic proposals which many persons here believe was encouraged by Washington. Germany is reported to be bringing pressure to bear on Japan to make demands on the N.E.I. which the latter was unable to accept in order to keep the United States attention fixed on the Pacific, and possibly force Japan to strike against the N.E.I. simultaneously with a German drive towards the Suez.

Informed travellers who have recently visited Singapore, Thailand and the N.E.I. declared that those areas are very pessimistic regarding the inevitability of war.

British and Dutch officials have asked the United States to rush war materials to Singapore and Batavia coincident with the swift strengthening of the Philippines; however, Shanghai observers who are closer to the Japanese, are of the opinion that the tone of the recent Japanese comment and also the apparent lack of withdrawal of troops from North China are the strongest evidence of renewed Japanese offensives throughout China during May, indicated that the Japanese are not prepared to move immediately.

They asserted that the crucial test would come if the United States withdraws her fleet from the Pacific and the Japanese naval officials would be more likely to favour a push southwards. They are of the opinion that the activity of Axis diplomats in Tokyo might indicate that Berlin is bringing pressure on Tokyo to move immediately, while Ambassador Nomura's sounding of opinion in Washington indicates that the Japanese are undecided.

## CUDAHY'S TALK WITH FUEHRER

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuters)—The former United States Ambassador to Belgium, Mr John Cudahy, whose newspaper articles on the last days of King Leopold's reign were read all over the world, has just returned to America from Germany, where he had a 30-minute interview with Hitler.

Mr Cudahy, who saw Hitler as a journalist, reports that Hitler's attitude was most unfriendly. "He gave me the idea that he did not like me at all because I was American."

The Germans and Hitler, said Mr Cudahy, believe that America will come into the war soon. "If the war is not brought to a military conclusion by October, I think they are going to have something like a 'Thirty Years War'."

**Does Not Want Peace**  
Hitler did not give the impression that he wanted peace or would negotiate for peace and also that he sincerely regarded the suggestion of invasion of America as fantastic.

The "New York Post" quotes Mr Cudahy as saying that the Germans have a "great dread of losing the war because of the spectre of Versailles; hence they are determined and united."

## TENSE PACIFIC SITUATION

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The Netherlands military establishment, especially in view of the strategic importance of the East Indies to the United States and the entire hemisphere because of her sources of rubber, tin, etc., Washington and London have permitted Japan to obtain at least sufficient quantities of oil and other materials required for her normal needs. Although the policy has met with strong opposition from some quarters at home, the United States and Britain apparently feel that such a policy is justified as a means of preventing Japanese seizure of needed supplies by force. An aggressive Japanese move against the Dutch East Indies would undoubtedly bring a strong demand for a reversal of this policy.

## VICHY ADMITS REVERSES

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spearheads of the invading force supported by British Indian units. The Aussies moved up from well camouflaged camps toward the frontier, passing through territory where their fathers fought the Turks in the last war.

The Allied columns are carrying tremendous quantities of foodstuffs apparently for distribution to the short-rationed Syrian population.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

**Buyers**  
Canton Ins. \$220  
Indo-China (Pref) \$30  
Dial \$14.75  
Hotels \$2.00  
Lands \$31.50  
Lights "O" \$5.85  
Lights "N" \$1.25  
Telephones "O" \$22  
Cements \$13.20  
Entertainments \$0.25  
**Sellers**  
Electricity Rts \$11.10  
**Sales**  
H.K. Banks \$1,315  
Union Ins \$410  
Providents \$3.15  
Electricity "O" Rts \$21.60

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## Syrian Resistance Weakens

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advancing from Iraq to Aleppo, important air base in Syria.

Well informed military quarters in Cairo state that two Allied columns are advancing towards Damascus—one from the south and the other from the southwest, both being between 40 and 50 miles from Damascus. The Allied troops consist of British, Australians, Indians and Free French.

There has been some resistance, but the extent of it cannot yet be ascertained. The two columns advancing on Damascus are going through the Jebel Druse country.

Vichy reported to-day that the British continued to advance in Syria and forces were within 30 miles of Damascus to-night.

A official communiqué read: "The Anglo-French forces who crossed the Syrian frontier yesterday intensified their attacks in the afternoon of Sunday and again on Monday morning. In the region between Jebel Druse and the foothills of the Lebanon mountains were carried out by strong forces of all arms comprising a strong proportion of armoured units. Our covering forces, backed by artillery and aviation, defended the terrain foot by foot, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. An appreciable number of armoured cars were destroyed."

## Support By R.A.F.

The official R.A.F. communiqué issued in Cairo stated that in Syria, the R.A.F. and planes of the Australian Air Force gave continuous support to the British advance.

A High Command communiqué issued at Beirut claimed that two British naval units were seriously damaged in an engagement north of Tyre against two French destroyers. Four British planes were brought down, while two French planes had not returned. The communiqué added: "The enemy to-day continued his offensive on land and sea. He was held everywhere; he was counter-attacked at certain points and bombed by our aviation."

## Making Progress

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters)—Progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond to general line inland is announced by a communiqué from British Middle East Headquarters this evening.

The communiqué states: "Penetration of the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later affected a crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra - Shelkh - Miskine - Quinetra."

## Vichy's Admission

VICHY, June 9 (Reuters)—The Vichy news agency states that Allied forces are advancing into Syria from three directions.

Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed. The third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle forces," the agency adds: "The British forces are however, markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and munitions but with food and fuel is practically impossible."

## Litani Crossed

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters)—The advance northward into Syria of the Allied forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received here.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available here on the political aspect as to the French reaction, but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera through the difficult Jebel Druse country is also progressing satisfactorily. This area is mostly composed in the southeast of lava beds and transport must needs keep to the tracks. But the Jebel Druse have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quinetra, both 40 to 50 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—the most important centre in Syria. "Shelkh-Miskine is half way between them."

There is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut and the Litani River is some ten miles to the north.

There is no evidence of German action.

## Many Desertions

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuters)—A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops, and a number of others have ceased to fight.

A military spokesman here revealed that since Sunday afternoon, the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties was negligible.

Mr M. K. Wong's talk to the Hongkong Ys Men's Club on "Origin of Chinese Poetry," which was scheduled for Thursday, has been postponed, it being the King's Birthday.

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